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Kolkata doctors continue protests despite SC appeal

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Junior doctors shout slogans as they march towards Swasthya Bhavan during a protest in Kolkata on Tuesday. PTI

Resident doctors of public medical institutions in West Bengal refused to call off their protest despite an appeal by the Supreme Court to them to rejoin duty by 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

The doctors from multiple government medical colleges took out a procession to Swasthya Bhavan and held protests after they were not allowed to enter the Health Department headquarters. While they continued their protests over the rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College Hospital here, officials from Nabanna (State Secretariat) appealed to them to hold talks to end the month-long logjam.

Trinamool Congress MLA Chandrima Bhattacharya said, "The Principal Health Secretary sent an email from Nabanna to the protesting junior doctors at 6.10 p.m. We were ready to allow 10 or more of them to hold talks with us. However, we did not receive any response from them. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was waiting at Nabanna till 7.30 p.m. to hold talks with the doctors, but the doctors did not come."

Reacting to statements by government officials, the doctors said, "We want to keep all channels for negotiations and talks open. But the way they wrote the email and the language they used was an insult to us. The way the email came to us, it was not an official email; it was a mail from the Health Secretary, we are not in any position to officially respond to it. If there is any positive response from the government to our five demands, we are ready to consider their appeal to hold talks."

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Students in Imphal defy curfew, clash with police

Manipur bans Internet in five districts of Imphal Valley and imposes curfew in two of them; 50 students injured when police used force to stop them from storming Raj Bhavan , CM's residence

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Paramilitary and police personnel stand guard during a protest demanding the removal of Manipur DGP and security adviser. ANI

The Manipur government on Tuesday banned Internet services in five districts of the Imphal Valley and imposed a curfew in two of them as students, protesting for the second successive day against the rising violence in the State, clashed with security forces on the streets of Imphal.

Over 50 students were injured when the police used force to prevent them from storming the Raj Bhavan and the Chief Minister's residence, which are 200 metres apart. Those seriously injured have been admitted to the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal. They included a girl in the hospital's intensive care unit, a medical officer said.

Sensing trouble from a large group of students who had spent the night in an all-woman market in the Khwairamband area, the Imphal West administration had imposed a curfew from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The State capital straddles Imphal West and Imphal East districts.

The students defied the curfew as more protesters joined them to march to the Raj Bhavan, but security personnel stopped them from nearing the VIP zone. This led to scuffles and the security personnel fired tear gas shells to disperse the protesters.

Students of Manipur University in another part of Imphal took out a protest march. They demanded the removal of the State's security adviser Kuldiep Singh and Director-General of Police Rajiv Singh for failing to protect the lives and properties of the citizens. The protesters also demanded the resignation of all the MLAs on "moral grounds".

As groups of men and women spilled onto the streets to join the protesters, tearing up some posters displaying photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh, the Imphal West district authorities reimposed the curfew from 11 a.m.

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Probe into scams: CM sets up panel

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday set up a committee of Ministers, headed by Home Minister G. Parameshwara, to take stock of the progress made in the investigations into various scams. » Page 9

Darshan case: HC directive to media houses

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Detritus of a storm

Fine-grained surface: Black sand washed up on the Visakhapatnam beach after high tidal waves triggered by a depression in the Bay of Bengal lashed the coast over the past few days. High tide usually brings along the mineral-rich sand. K.R. DEEPAK

ED names Nagendra as key accused in Valmiki corporation case chargesheet

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Former Minister B. Nagendra

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed a chargesheet in the alleged scam at Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd., naming former Minister B. Nagendra as the prime accused, in the special court here. The chargesheet alleges that funds from the corporation were diverted at Mr. Nagendra's behest. Basanagouda Daddal, Chairman of the Valmiki corporation, has not been named as an accused in the chargesheet.

The chargesheet estimates the scam at ₹89.62 crore, alleging that the funds were diverted to 18 fake accounts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. These funds were then layered through fake and shell accounts, with cash and bullion distributed among the accused, according to the ED. The chargesheet, comprising 140 pages of documents, outlines the money trail, sources said.

Of the diverted funds, the ED chargesheet alleges that Mr. Nagendra siphoned off ₹20.19 crore to finance the Lok Sabha elections in his home district of Ballari in April-May 2024. The chargesheet claims that the agency recovered incriminating material, including accounts and charts detailing the distribution of money to polling booths during the elections, from accused number 8, Abhishek Gowda, who served as Mr. Nagendra's personal assistant.

The chargesheet says this money was part of the total funds diverted from the corporation. Earlier in July, when Mr. Nagendra was arrested, the ED stated that they had "uncovered that a substantial amount of funds were utilised to procure a significant quantity of liquor just prior to the general elections".

The chargesheet also alleges that the Finance Department and the Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department violated norms and guidelines by allowing the corporation to open a new bank account and transfer the corporation's funds to that account. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah holds charge of the Finance Department.

The 4,970-page chargesheet, filed on Monday afternoon, names 24 accused, including middleman Satyanarayana Verma and Satyanarayana Itakari, chairman of First Finance Credit Cooperative Society, both from Hyderabad, who were instrumental in laundering the diverted money in neighbouring States.

The ED has reportedly stated that the investigation is not yet concluded and that they will file supplementary chargesheets as the probe progresses.

Israeli strike kills 40 in humanitarian zone in southern Gaza's Khan Yunis

Agence France-Presse
AL-MAWASI

Palestinian boys stand near a damaged vehicle buried in the sands after Israeli strike on a tent camp, at Al-Mawasi. REUTERS

Gaza's civil defence agency said an Israeli strike on Tuesday on a humanitarian zone in the Palestinian territory killed 40 people, with the Israeli Army saying it had targeted a Hamas command centre in the area.

The strike hit Al-Mawasi – in Gaza's southern province of Khan Yunis – which was designated a safe zone by the Israeli military early in the war, with tens of thousands of displaced Palestinians seeking refuge there. Israel's military has carried out occasional operations in and around the area, including a strike in July that it said killed Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif, and which Gaza health authorities said killed more than 90 people.

In Gaza, civil defence official Mohammed al-Mughair said 40 dead and 60 wounded were taken to nearby hospitals following the strike early Tuesday.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmud Basal said people sheltering in the camp in the dunes along the Mediterranean coast had not been warned of the strike.

The strike left behind "three deep craters", he said. "There are entire families who disappeared under the sand."

Survivors of the strike scrambled to retrieve their belongings from the rubble, including mattresses and clothing.

The Israeli military said its aircraft had "struck significant Hamas terrorists who were operating within a command-and-control centre embedded inside the humanitarian area in Khan Yunis".

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Rahul's U.S. speech triggers a storm; BJP calls it a 'dangerous narrative'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi interacts with students and faculty of Georgetown University, in Washington DC on Tuesday. ANI

Criticism of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi before the Indian-American community triggered a political storm on Tuesday, with the BJP accusing Mr. Gandhi of creating a "dangerous narrative" by speaking on "sensitive issues" abroad.

Speaking at a diaspora event in Herndon, a Virginia suburb of Washington DC, on Monday, Mr. Gandhi accused the RSS of treating some religions, languages and cultures as "inferior" to others, and expressed concern over the status of religious and linguistic minorities in India.

"First of all, you have to understand what the fight is about. The fight is not about politics. That is superficial," Mr. Gandhi said.

Turning to a member of the audience, who belonged to the Sikh community, he then asked his name and said, "The fight is about whether a Sikh is going to be allowed to wear his turban in India or a *kada* in India. Or he, as a Sikh, is going to be able to go to gurdwara. That is what the fight is about. And not just for him, for all religions".

Mr. Gandhi is on a four-day trip to the United States, where his programmes include interaction with the Indian-American community, and students, and individual meetings with officials in Capitol Hill.

Over the past three days, Mr. Gandhi, in his public engagements, has been targeting the RSS-BJP combine and their vision for India.

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Shubhi Gupta — a ray of hope at a time when there are few women chess 'superstars'

It has been a smooth ride on the 64 squares for the girl from Ghaziabad, UP, after learning the game from her father six years ago; what started as a hobby turned competitive a year later, and has now become a family affair

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

P.K. Ajith Kumar

India boasts a stellar line-up of young male chess talents. D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and Nihal Sarin are now familiar names, even to those who aren't the most ardent of chess followers.

Divya Deshmukh sits atop the ranking list of the world's best junior girls. She is the reigning World junior girls' champion – she won the title in convincing style at Ahmedabad a couple of months ago. But, there aren't many young Indian girls who are in the same class.

In such a scenario, Shubhi Gupta offers hope.

She was, in fact, the best performing Indian at that World juniors after Divya. She had finished fourth – after beginning her campaign as the 39th seed. Even more importantly, she was only 13 then. Mind you, this was a tournament for the players up to the age of 20.

She turned 14 on August 27, the last day of the National chess championship at Gurugram. It is India's most prestigious domestic chess tournament, where some of the country's finest players compete. Since chess knows no gender or age, anyone can compete in the Nationals.

Shubhi was just one of the several women players who travelled to Gurugram, which was reeling under heavy rains then, with most of the roads turning into waterways.

She may not have set the RPS International School – which played host to the 340-odd competitors – on fire, but she put up a strong challenge. She was one of the very few players who could bother the top seed Surya Shekhar Ganguly, who remained unbeaten (though he had to be content with the runner-up spot behind champion Karthik Venkataraman with whom he had tied on points).

She even had an opportunity to draw with Ganguly, a six-time National champion, before she missed a vital move. "Yes, I could have drawn that game if I had made the right king move," she told *The Hindu* at Gurugram a few hours after the tournament concluded. "It was perhaps my best game from the championship. The first half was good for me, but in the second half I made some mistakes."

She has not been making mistakes that often over the last couple of years, though. She won the National Under-19 championship last year, and had claimed the World Under-12 girls' title in 2022.

It has indeed been a smooth ride on the 64 squares for the girl from the city of Ghaziabad, UP, after learning the game from her father six years ago. "I started it as a hobby and then I began playing in tournaments a year later," she said. "Then Covid came, but I played in a lot of online tournaments. My mother also helped me with my training, after she learnt chess. All of us play a lot of chess at home."

The hard work helped. "I scored some 300 Elo points from two tournaments," says Shubhi. "And I also finished third in the National Under-16 championship when I was 11."

Career high

Then came her superb show at the National Under-19 championship. "That was certainly one of my career-best performances," she says. "I had begun as the 15th seed and I won the championship by winning my last four games."

She has high ambitions. "I want to play at the Chess Olympiad and win a medal for India," she says. "And I want to become a Grandmaster."

Only three Indian women have been able to achieve it so far – Koneru Humpy, D. Harika and R. Vaishali. And Humpy, a former World women's rapid champion, has been an idol for her.

"What Humpy has done for Indian women's chess is remarkable," says Shubhi. "I had an opportunity to work with her during a camp, and it felt great. Judit Polgar is also a player I admire greatly. Among the male players, I like Magnus Carlsen and Anish Giri. I admire our own Arjun Erigaisi as well."

She is proud that Arjun's contemporary, D. Gukesh, will be contesting this year's World title match with Ding Liren. "I was following the Candidates tournament that Gukesh won to earn that spot in the World championship final, though I was playing a tournament at the same time," says Shubhi, who is trained by Prasenjit Dutta. "It will be great for Indian chess if he wins the World championship. I think it is going to be an exciting match. I am very much looking forward to it."

Shubhi believes women's chess needs to be promoted better. "The prize money should also be better for women in chess," she says.

Shortly after the closing ceremony of the Nationals in Gurugram, Shubhi travelled to the New Delhi airport to catch a flight to Sri Lanka, to play in the Commonwealth championship. At Waskaduwa, she won the Under-16 girls' title, as well as the bronze in the Under-20 girls' event.

THE GIST

- Shubhi was the best performing Indian at the World juniors after Divya Deshmukh. She finished fourth — after beginning her campaign as the 39th seed — when she was just 13 years old
- She put up a strong fight against Surya Shekhar Ganguly at the National chess championship at Gurugram
- Shubhi has high ambitions — she wants to play at the Chess Olympiad and win a medal for India, and become a Grandmaster

With a new coach and captain, Japan hopes to get back to winning ways

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Raiki Fujishima took over as captain of the Japan men's hockey team only four months ago but the 24-year old has his task cut out.

Japan hockey hit a high when it won the 2018 Asian Games against all expectations but since then, the team has languished in the 14-18 bracket in the FIH rankings. Hosting the next edition of the continental games, Japan is hoping to come full circle, starting with the ongoing Asian Champions Trophy in Hulunbuir, China.

Young team

"We are a young team. Every match for us is like a step forward in growing up. It's a good experience here and we have positive comments after every game, we are preparing well with a positive mindset," Fujishima told *The Hindu* in an interaction.

The Azlan Shah Cup in May was the first outing for Fujishima as the captain, taking over from veteran Masaki Ohashi who stepped down after a disappointing outing at the Olympic Qualifiers in January. With five members from the Tokyo Olympics in the ranks, including the then captain Manabu Yamashita, Fujishima is aware of his team's lack of experience.

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"The difference between the team from 2018-21 and after Tokyo is that the former had a lot of camps and matches to prepare, which showed on the field. Since then, however, we have had very few chances. Those who were not part of the Tokyo cycle did not have enough opportunities to grow. But our target here is to first reach the final and then win it," he insisted.

With a new coach in 36-year old Yoshihiro Anai, Japan is looking to rebuild with an eye on LA 2028 with the 2026 Asian Games at home being the first big stop.

"There are a lot of areas to work on for us in the next two years – positioning, attacking, thinking about every zone on the field and risk management while selecting the players and the gameplan for the day being some of them. Strategic decision-making and tightening the defence to delay the opposition attacks are the main objectives," Anai said.

He also did a SWOT analysis of his team.

"Our strength is our discipline but we are not ranked very high, so playing against higher ranked sides with an inexperienced side will be a challenge. At the ACT, all teams barring India are in a similar situation with new staff and less experienced players so there is little difference between us and that is an opportunity to get some crucial ranking points. At the same time, we haven't seen them play after the Azlan Shah Cup so we don't have information on their development, which is a concern," Anai explained.

Tough assignment: Fujishima, left, has his task cut out in rebuilding the side. FILE PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

Darshan case: Media houses barred from disclosing 'confidential information'

Karnataka High Court passes interim order on a petition filed by the actor, who has complained that a 'media trial' is being conducted in the criminal case registered against him by violating all ethical journalistic standards and contrary to guidelines issued by courts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday restrained 38 media houses, including 18 television channels, 18 newspapers and two social media platforms, from publishing, printing, airing, and disseminating "confidential information" contained in the chargesheet filed against actor Darshan in the Renukaswamy murder case.

'Media trial'

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the interim order on a writ petition filed by the actor, who has complained that the media houses are conducting a "media trial" in the criminal case registered against him by violating all ethical journalistic standards and contrary to guidelines issued by the courts.

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>
> KARNATAKA HIGH COURT

Apart from ordering the issue of notices to 38 media houses, the court directed the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to communicate this order to the media houses.

"Needless to state that the respondent-1 [Ministry of Information and Broadcasting] to take appropriate action against respondents 3 to 40 [media houses] if they telecast, print, air or publish any statements in violation of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994," the court observed in its order.

The High Court said the petitioner has established a *prima facie* case to grant an *ex-parte* interim order.

Earlier, it was brought to the court's notice that directions issued by the High Courts of Delhi and Bombay in the cases of State of NCT Delhi vs. Union of India, and Nilesh Navalakha and others (Sushant Singh Rajput case) vs Union of India respectively, and a circular issued by the Karnataka government in 2021 restricting disclosure of details of investigation and chargesheet filed in criminal cases, to the media.

It was also pointed out in the actor's petition that his wife Vijayalakshmi had filed a suit before the civil court, which on August 27 issued an ex-parte temporary injunction restraining the 38 media houses "from airing, printing, publishing any statement about the final report *inter alia* FSL [Forensic Sciences Laboratory] reports, confessional statements and holding debate/discussion/ interview on the final report."

From FSL reports

However, it was alleged that despite temporary injunction granted by the civil court, the media houses have published the informations from FSL reports, confession statement given to the police, besides discussing and debating the probabilities of trial, even the copy of the temporary injunction was immediately communicated to the media houses.

Meanwhile, it has been claimed in the petition that filing a contempt of court plea against the media houses for violation of the temporary injunction granted by the civil court in the pending civil is not an efficacious remedy.

Actor's fundamental rights of equality before, and protection of life and personal liberty are being violated due to "media houses' persistent media trial and investigative journalism," it has been contended in the petition.

The Ministry of I&B had told the court that appropriate action would be taken in accordance with the law if the actor filed a complaint before the authorities concerned.

INBRIEF

GST Seva Kendras launched

The government launched GST Seva Kendras on Tuesday to facilitate new applicants to apply for GST registration by opting biometric Aadhaar authentication.

A release from the Commercial Tax Department said that 120 GST Seva Kendras were rolled out across the State. It said the online facility will help applicants to choose the date and time of appointment to visit the centre which will also provide for document verification during the process of biometric authentication. This will enhance the overall security of the GST registration process by curtailing the misuse of documents of innocent persons by fraudsters and foster a more accountable business environment in the State by ensuring genuine registrations.

Water adalat tomorrow

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold a water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to address issues relating to water billing, delays in providing water supply, sanitary connections and delays in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection.

For any problems regarding the water supply, members of the public may contact the 24x7 call centre: helpline number 1916. Complaints can also be filed via Whatsapp no. 8762228888, a release stated.

Two girls from modest backgrounds shine with nine gold medals each

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Annapurna, from a family that distributes ready-made food in Mulbagal of Kolar district, bagged nine gold medals and two cash prizes in MSc Chemistry from Bangalore University, and emerged as the topper of the university.

Ms. Annapurna is the eldest daughter among five children of K.L. Somashekar and N. Lalitha. They bring *puris* and *parotas* prepared in Bengaluru and distribute them to local hotels and shops in Mulbagal.

Annapurna and Anuradha M. won nine gold medals each.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

Ms. Annapurna expressed her desire to become an assistant professor. "I completed my BSc graduation at Sahyadri degree college of Kolar and got second rank from Bengaluru North University. Then I joined MSc at Jnanabharathi campus of Bangalore University. After completing my postgraduation, I joined a private company. Now I have quit my job and I am preparing for PhD admission and I want to become an assistant professor in the Chemistry department," she said.

Anuradha M., a native of Goolapura in Nelamangala taluk of Bengaluru Rural district, also won nine gold medals and seven cash prizes in her BSc degree.

A student of Jindal Degree College for Women, Bengaluru, Ms. Anuradha is currently enrolled for MSc Chemistry in Bangalore University.

"My father works in a private company and my mother is a tailor. They help my studies a lot amidst all other difficulties and all the credit for the gold medals should go to them. I joined MSc Chemistry in Bangalore University. After completion of this course, I am aiming to write the competitive exams and become an officer," she said.

M.C. Sudhakar, Minister of Higher Education, and Deepak Kumar Srivastava, vice-chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC), conferred the gold medals and cash prizes to the achievers at the 59th annual convocation of Bangalore University on Tuesday.

As many as 26,210 candidates received degrees in various disciplines. As many as 308 gold medals and 79 cash prizes were awarded to the meritorious students and a total of 140 PhDs were awarded.

Music director Gurukiran and social worker K.S. Rajanna were honoured with honorary doctorates from the university.

Jayakara S.M., Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University, Registrar Sheikh Latif, C. Srinivas, Registrar (Evaluation), Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, and actress Priyanka Upendra and others were present.

Take a re-look at NEP, says Sudhakar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Countering the convocation address of Deepak Kumar Srivastava, vice-chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC), at the 59th annual convocation of Bangalore University on Tuesday, Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar expressed his displeasure about the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and urged the Union government to re-look at the whole scenario, including multidisciplinary courses, entry and exit option, and credit-based education system.

Various issues

He alleged that when universities are facing a lack of teaching staff and other problems, the Union government is trying to impose things from the United States of America and education models from other western countries.

In his convocation address, Mr. Srivastava said that with NEP, there is a spectacular change in the landscape of the Indian education system.

"The Minister of Education and the UGC have taken several path-breaking initiatives that will be game changers for the quality of higher education in the country," he said, and also praised the multiple entry and exit systems and other aspects of the policy.

Dr. Sudhakar said it is practically impossible to implement multidisciplinary courses according to the NEP and said the policy may be suitable for private universities or private educational institutes that have all the departments under one roof, but it is impossible in State universities which offer specific courses such as Agriculture, Law, Engineering, and Medicine.

"We have 440 degree colleges in Karnataka for arts, science and commerce. According to the NEP, if somebody wants to do Artificial Intelligence (AI) as an open elective, where do we get the staff?," he questioned.

"Already, collegiate and technical education in Karnataka have about 14,000 guest faculty members. All universities lack staff. I was told there are more that 20% vacancies in IITs. In this scenario, the Union government is trying to impose the western countries' model of education through the NEP in India," he added.

The State government has opposed the NEP and decided to implement the State Education Policy (SEP) instead. The SEP Commission has submitted a preliminary report and it has been implemented from the academic year of 2024-25.

"We brought back three core subjects pattern, along with open elective option and credit based system," he said, adding that the final report will also be received soon.

30 students to get immersive learning experience in U.K.

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BENGALURU

Four new educational programmes were launched on Tuesday under an MoU signed by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) and the British Council, UK international organisation, for educational opportunities and cultural exchange in February.

M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, and officials at the launch of new educational programmes in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
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Scholars for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent (SCOUT), under which 30 students from Karnataka (including five students and one faculty member each from Bangalore University, Bengaluru City University, Gulbarga University, Raichur University, Tumakuru University, and Rani Channamma University), along with two KSHEC officials, will participate in a two-week immersive learning experience at the University of East London from November 9 to 22, was one among the programmes launched.

"This programme aims to provide deserving students from less privileged backgrounds with valuable international exposure, fostering academic excellence, innovation, and research skills, while empowering them to contribute positively to their communities and future careers," said a press release from the British Council.

English Skills for Youth Initiative (in partnership with Microsoft India), under which English language and communication skills will be taught to young people between the age of 18-25 (which will benefit 5,795 students across 16 Government Engineering Colleges), was also launched.

'We aim for stronger Indo-U.K. ties'

From the initiatives that come under the MoU signed between Karnataka and British Council to India-U.K. collaborations in education, Alison Barrett, MBE, Director India, British Council, spoke about various issues in an interaction with *The Hindu*.

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Health Dept. and NIMHANS to chalk out suicide prevention programme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Health Department will collaborate with NIMHANS to chalk out an effective suicide prevention programme by involving various government departments, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Speaking after launching N-SPRITE Centre (NIMHANS Suicide Prevention, Research, Implementation, and Training Engagement) at NIMHANS on Tuesday, the Minister said although the department is already running the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KaBHI), the District Mental Health Programme, and other mental health initiatives, it will work with NIMHANS to evolve a programme by studying the vulnerability to self harm and ending lives among various sections including students.

NIMHANS Director Pratima Murthy said the centre aimed at addressing the pressing issue of suicide prevention by fostering research, policy development, and training initiatives, specifically tailored to India's unique social and healthcare landscape.

Highlighting the rise in suicides across India, with the latest statistics from 2022 indicating that 1.73 lakh lives were lost, she emphasised the importance of dedicated research and intervention, stating that the launch of N-SPRITE is a vital step toward reducing these numbers.

A major highlight of the World Suicide Prevention Day at NIMHANS was an exhibition of suicide prevention initiatives by the mental health institution. The exhibition showcased various projects spearheaded by Anish V. Cherian, the lead of the N-SPRITE Centre.

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NU Hospitals Shivamogga Marks First Anniversary of Transplant Program with Donor Felicitation on Teachers' Day

NU Hospitals Shivamogga celebrated the first anniversary of its kidney transplant program with a special event honouring the remarkable individuals who have donated kidneys over the past year. Coinciding with Teachers' Day, the ceremony was attended by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel, Shri Kumaraswamy, who served as the Chief Guest and personally recognized the donors for their selfless contributions. Since the launch of the transplant program, NU Hospitals Shivamogga has successfully completed more then 15 kidney transplants. Today's event not only highlighted this success but also underscored the vital importance of organ donation and the need for greater awareness about kidney disease. In his address, Shri Kumaraswamy lauded the donors for their exceptional generosity and dedication to saving lives. He also praised NU Hospitals Shivamogga for its pioneering efforts in enhancing healthcare services in the region. "The donors we honor today have given the most precious gift the gift of life. Their selflessness shines as a beacon of hope, and I applaud NU Hospitals Shivamogga for leading the charge in promoting organ donation and delivering world-class medical care," he remarked. Dr. Praveen Malavade, Nephrologist, Transplant Physician, and Associate Medical Director at NU Hospitals Shivamogga, expressed deep gratitude to the donors and highlighted the program's success. "This anniversary is a significant milestone for us. The 15 transplants we've successfully performed reflect the dedication of our medical team and the incredible bravery of our donors. We are committed to continuing our mission to provide life-saving care and to raise awareness about the critical importance of organ donation", he said. The event also served as an educational platform, raising public awareness about kidney disease and the life-saving benefits of organ transplantation. NU Hospitals Shivamogga took the opportunity to launch a new awareness campaign aimed at dispelling myths and encouraging more people to become organ donors.

Urvi Kishori won the coveted title of Miss Teen India 2024, 2nd Runner Up

Amidst an overwhelming number of contestants appearing in auditions from around 90 cities across the nation, Urvi Kishori from the silicon city of Bengaluru has won the coveted title of Miss Teen India 2024, 2nd Runner Up. This IQ and Personality Pageant is being conducted by Alee Club in their crusade against all the social ills plaguing our society.Directed by Ramp Guru Ms Sambita Bose, this is the one of the oldest and the only official contest in India for teenagers in this field. This 26th edition was presided over by cine stars such as Mr. Arbaaz Khan, Mr. Shahbaaz Khan, Mr. Ayub Khan, Mr. Imran Khan, Ms. Pooja Banerjee and Ms. Stefy Patel who acted as the jury. They had a judges Question Answer Round and a Common Question Round that tested the intelligence and communication skills of these girls and boys. Urvi Kishori emerged to the top three in the Grand Finale held at New Delhi on the 31st of August. She has also won the subtitle of Miss Teen India Talented in the same pageant.Urvi is a classical singer and classical dancer and a theatre artist, currently pursuing BSc Filmmaking at RV University, Bengaluru.

With their ancestors' help, weak cancer cells can form tough tumours

In past studies, scientists have tried to understand drug resistance by separating the corresponding cells from a larger population, making copies of them in the lab, and investigating them. The researchers behind a new study realised this approach removes an important bit of context that could affect the cells' prospects

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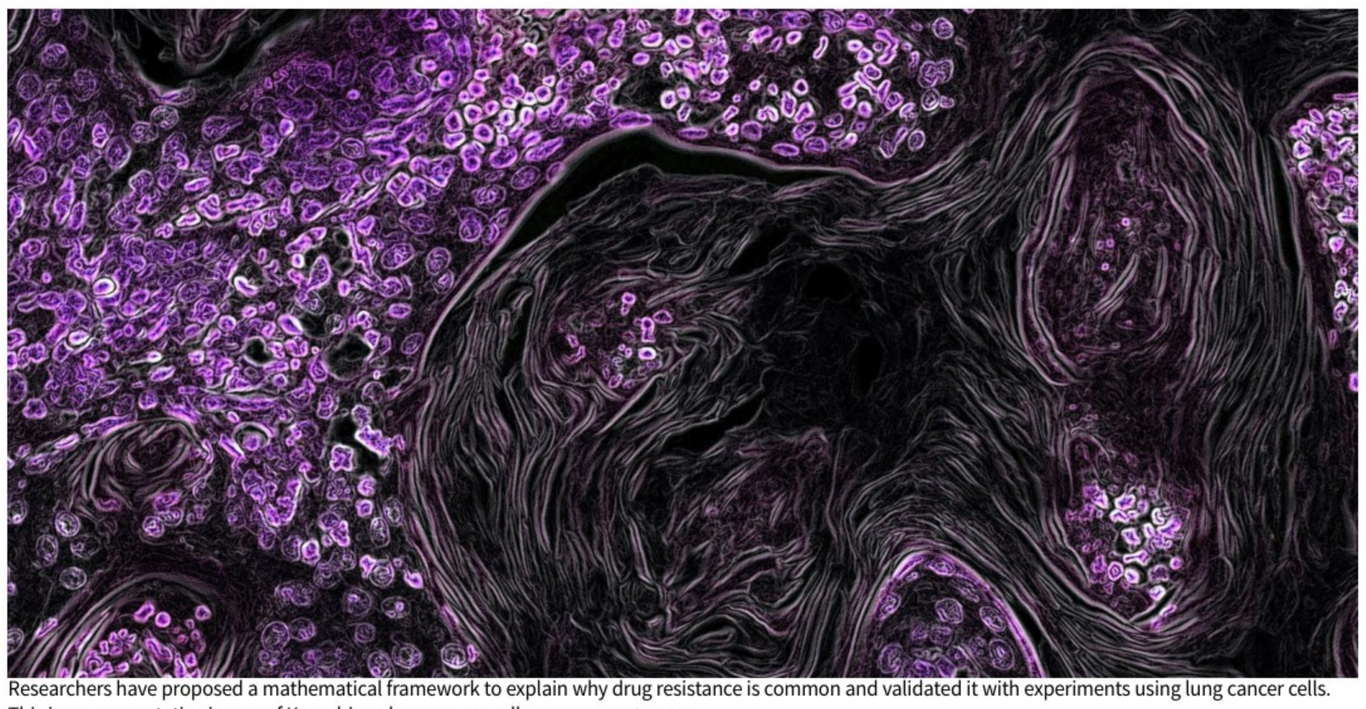

Researchers have proposed a mathematical framework to explain why drug resistance is common and validated it with experiments using lung cancer cells. This is a representative image of Kras-driven lung cancer cells. ERIC SNYDER/U.S. NCI

THE GIST

Researchers have shown that even in the absence of a drug, drug-resistant mutant cells undergo large changes in growth rate. This was attributed to the environment in which the cells existed

When cultured alone, drug-resistant cells grew more slowly than the cells from which they were 'descended.' But when these cells and their ancestors were cultured together, the former grew much faster

If this phenomenon is general, future treatments may be developed to disrupt the ecological interactions themselves, leading to higher cure rates

Scientists have cracked the mystery of how some cancer cells that ought not to survive could actually take help from their "neighbours" to succeed and form drug-resistant tumours instead.

Drug resistance is one of the world's major crises of the 21st century. When a pathogen that causes an infection or disease becomes drug-resistant, drugs that could cure these conditions become less effective. Pathogens acquire this ability in the form of certain genetic mutations, although some non-genetic factors are also in play.

When a cancer takes root in a person's body, the cancer cells can also become drug-resistant in the same way. Simple logic dictates that when the person takes a drug to destroy these cells, the drug-resistant cells will proliferate while the non-resistant cells won't. However, the genetic changes that conferred drug-resistance to the cells will also have undermined their overall 'fitness'. When the person isn't taking a drug to treat the cancer, the drug-resistant cells should thus have a harder time surviving than their non-resistant peers. They are said to suffer a 'growth penalty'.

How the evolutionarily less-fit cells survive such conditions is a puzzle scientists have been trying to solve for years.

A complex ecosystem

In past studies, scientists have tried to understand drug resistance by separating the corresponding cells from a larger population, making copies of them in the lab, and investigating them further. The researchers behind the new study realised this approach removes an important bit of context that could affect the cells' prospects: the influence of other cells in their surroundings, especially the ancestors from whom they "deviated" by accumulating genetic changes.

Jeff Maltas, a postdoctoral research fellow at Cleveland Clinic and the lead author of the study, said scientists have appreciated the idea of tumours as a complex ecological system. He said his team's idea came from multiple disciplines plus previous reports of high mutation rates within a tumour that had changes in pH and oxygen levels, among other conditions.

In a study published in 2022, for example, some members of the same team of researchers and others showed that even in the absence of a drug, drug-resistant mutant cells undergo large changes in growth rate. The authors attributed this to the environment in which the cells existed.

A surprise in a model

Conventionally, mutated cells have a certain growth rate in the presence of a drug and a lower one in its absence. In the new study, the researchers built a mathematical model based on the idea that these growth rates depend on the presence of a drug and on the cells' environment. When cultured alone, drug-resistant cells grew more slowly than the cells from which they were "descended." But when these cells and their ancestors were cultured together, the former grew much faster.

The model also revealed that the more ancestral cells there are in the same culture, the drug-resistant daughter cells also proliferated faster – so much so that the growth penalty vanished. The resulting tumour would be resistant to the drugs to come.

The researchers also found that even when there is no drug, the interactions between the evolving drug-resistant cells in the tumour's environment still promoted drug resistance. The implication is that drug-resistant cells could be present in larger numbers, perhaps more than a clinician or medical researcher might expect, even before treatment begins.

The authors wrote in their paper that their work "both complements and builds off of recent studies from a wide range of disciplines, ranging from theoretical population genetics and ecology to clinical trials across several biological kingdoms."

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The ancestral advantage

The researchers proposed a mathematical framework to explain why drug resistance is common and validated it with experiments using lung cancer cells.

First, they engineered three drug-resistant mutations in lung cancer cells in the lab and grew them together with different amounts of drug-sensitive ancestor cells. Then they observed how the different abundances of mutations in the cells affected their growth rate.

The mutations they picked to engineer are commonly seen in lung cancer patients. They found that all the drug-resistant cells grew slower than their ancestors when grown in isolation. But when grown with their ancestors, they built up faster. The researchers also grew two types of drug-resistant cells together without the ancestor, and their growth rate didn't increase. That is, interactions between evolutionarily different cells didn't provide any growth advantage. Only interactions with ancestral cells did.

The idea that a mutation's frequency or relative abundance dictates how fit the cells that have it are is not new, but experts said the current study emphasises this idea in the context of cancer cells accumulating drug-resistant mutations.

Clue to a new treatment

"A key conclusion... is that the ecological environment can greatly impact the phenotype of the mutant being studied. Removing that mutant from the ecology leads to an incomplete scientific picture," Maltas said.

Mohit Kumar Jolly, an associate professor of bioengineering at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, said, "Most, if not all, current therapies in the clinic do not consider the impact of these interactions, and this study reveals how considering this important dimension can help potentially design more effective therapies."

The researchers also said their findings could be extendable to any evolving system, including viruses that mutate and bacteria that acquire resistance to antibiotics.

The study also indicated a potential new target for developing drugs to fight cancer and infectious diseases. "If this phenomenon is as general as we think," Maltas said, "future treatments may be developed to disrupt the ecological interactions themselves, leading to higher cure rates."The study was conducted by scientists from Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland. The findings were published in the journal *PRX Life* in June 2024.

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BIG SHOT

Solar panels under construction on the sea in Binzhou, in eastern China's Shandong province on September 8. AFP

QUESTION CORNER

The kindest cuts

Q: Why doesn't cutting hair hurt?

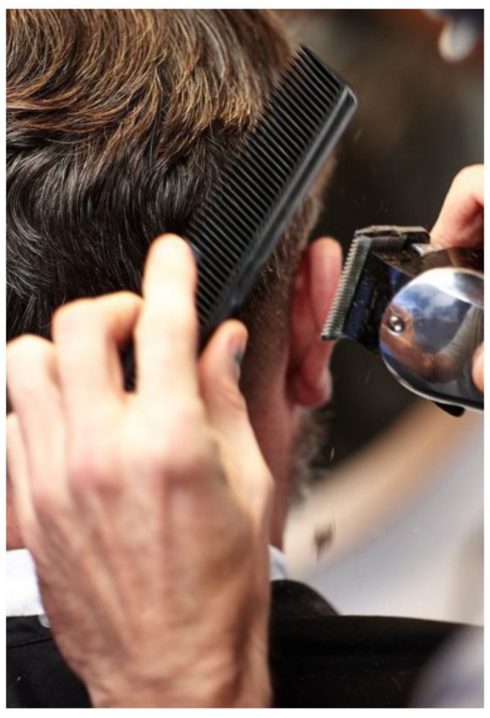
A: Hair is made of dead epithelial cells strengthened by a protein called keratin. The epidermis — the upper layer of the skin — descends into the dermis, the inner layer, to form flask-shaped structures. These structures, called hair follicles, have a group of epithelial cells that form a bulb.

Below this bulb is the hair papilla, which consists of connective tissues supplied richly with blood vessels and connected by nerves. This region supplies nourishment to the hair's root cells.

The epidermal cells of the hair root divide rapidly. As new cells form, the old cells are pushed upwards in the form of hair.

Beyond the bulb region, the cells die and become horny with the addition of keratin. As the dead cells continue to add up rapidly in the root, the shaft grows in length and pierces through the epidermal layer and projects out as hair. Hair normally grows about 18 cm in a year.

Thus the root is the only living part of the hair. When hair above the skin is cut, it doesn't hurt. If the hair is pulled out, the sensory nerves in the hair papilla trigger a pain sensation.



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Pothole problem in the city cannot be fixed in 15 days, say civic activists

The BBMP counted 2,795 potholes as of September 2, when Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar set a 15-day deadline to fill them

Shreyas H.S.
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Activists and residents complain that the civic body has not only undercounted potholes, but also underestimated how potholes reappear even as they are being filled. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Following a 15-day deadline set by Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar to fill potholes on city roads, senior civic officials, including special commissioners, are overseeing the exercise on the streets, even inviting the media and making it an event.

However, civic activists said that such an exercise would not fix the pothole problem of the city. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had counted 2,795 potholes as of September 2, when Mr. Shivakumar set the deadline.

However, activists and residents complain that the civic body has not only undercounted potholes, but also underestimated how potholes reappear even as they are being filled.

In the last three days since Mr. Shivakumar asked senior officials to go to the streets and oversee the exercise and warned of suspension if he found potholes after the deadline, at least two special commissioners of East and South zones issued media invites the previous day and inspected potholes being filled in one of the areas of their zones the next day.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath also went on city rounds inspecting the pothole filling exercise on Tuesday. He visited multiple spots in East Zone, War Memorial junction, Brigade Road, Victoria Layout, Vasanthnagar among others, and issued instructions to maintain high quality of work while filling potholes and warned of suspension if potholes in their areas were not filled by the deadline.

Nagesh Aras, civic activist and road infrastructure expert, said that the system was designed in such a way that roads develop potholes so that it can lead to more civic works. "For instance, Mr. Shivakumar has now announced ₹660 crore for repair of arterial roads," he pointed out. "The BBMP always blames the rains, but though the civic body has adopted the Indian Road Congress (IRS) guidelines, it has only remained on paper. The civic body is guilty of approving road works of bad quality. Even pothole filling is done unscientifically," he said.

Another activist who did not wish to be named said that deadlines set by the government were impractical and these exercises were aimed at creating an impression that the government was doing something.

"In the first place, there is no actual count of potholes. Potholes being filled up again resurface in a week. The civic body always claims to have spent hundreds of crores to fill potholes in the city, but will never give a road-wise break-up," he said.

A senior civic official conceded that the potholes problem has been persistent for many years and that it wouldn't be solved in the next one week. "The problem is multi-layered and systemic. It cannot be fixed overnight," he said.

ITI Ltd. bags solar street light order from Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
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ITI Limited, the country's first PSU post-independence and telecom manufacturing company, has received an order worth ₹300 crore from Bihar Renewable Energy Development Authority (BREDA) for supply and installation of 1,00,000 units of Solar Street Light Systems to Bihar State government.

According to a statement by the PSU, its Naini Plant, which has been manufacturing solar panels for the last six years, has received an order for Supply & Installation of 1,00,000 units of Solar Street light Systems.

Khandre proposes regulation for retailers to compulsorily buy back electronic gadgets

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A file photo of e-waste.

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre, to ensure the scientific disposal of e-waste, has suggested implementing a regulation where sellers must compulsorily buy back their old televisions, computers, mobile phones, chargers, etc.

In a note to the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology, and Environment, Mr. Khandre said the government has taken note of the increasing danger of e-waste in households and the fact that junk shops selectively take certain items from electronic devices without processing the rest scientifically.

"To protect public health, the scientific disposal of e-waste has become a necessity today. It is suggested that when purchasing new electronic equipment such as TVs, computers, and mobile phones, if customers desire, a regulation should be implemented where sellers must compulsorily buy back their old TVs, computers, mobile phones, chargers, etc., at a minimum price," the note states.

It added that this could help control the e-waste problem. It also directed the department to submit a report within 30 days in this regard.

"A proposal on the pros and cons, as well as the implementation of buyback policies for old electronic equipment, ensuring that data misuse on old computers and mobiles is prevented, should be submitted within 30 days," the note added.

EV Mitra app gets new interface

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The EV Mitra app designed by the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) to make EV charging easier, more accessible, and more efficient has gotten a new interface with key features like profile personalisation, multiple payment options, and multi-language support system.

Those using the old app can uninstall it and install the new one, Bescom officials said. If there was some balance pending in the wallet of the old app, then it will reflect in the new app.

Bescom has also launched the EV Mitra WhatsApp bot allowing users to initiate charging and make payments with just a message. "The introduction of the new app, with its user-friendly interface and support for multiple languages, shows the commitment of our government," said K.J. George, Energy Minister.

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NHAI floats tenders worth ₹4,750 crore for STRR project

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The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has announced tenders for five segments of the much-anticipated Bengaluru Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project.

This 280-km highway - NH 948A - is designed to encircle Bengaluru, alleviating the heavy traffic burden in the city. The road will stretch from Dobbspet in the north to Hosur in Tamil Nadu, providing a critical bypass route for long-distance travellers and heavy vehicles.

The project is being executed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana scheme and falls under the purview of NHAI.

On September 5, NHAI floated tenders for five packages related to the western section of the STRR, which is expected to cover a distance of 144 km and cost approximately ₹4,750 crore.

According to NHAI officials, the STRR will be a four to six-lane access-controlled highway, ensuring smooth traffic flow across the following key areas: Dobbspet, Doddaballapur, Devanahalli, Sulibele, Hoskote, Anekal, Thattekere, Kanakapura, Ramanagara, and Magadi, with the road eventually linking Hosur in Tamil Nadu.

A senior NHAI official emphasised the project's significance, stating: "The STRR will be a game changer for Bengaluru's traffic situation, particularly for diverting heavy lorries coming from Tamil Nadu. This highway will serve as a crucial bypass for lorries and inter-State commuters who want to avoid driving through the congested streets of Bengaluru."

Assault: Dhruva Sarja's manager held

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The Banashankari police has arrested the manager of actor Dhruva Sarja, Ashwin, and three others for assaulting the actor's personal fitness and gym trainer on K.R. Road on May 26. The victim, Prashanth Poojari, was returning home when he was attacked.

Based on the clues, the police on Sunday arrested the assailants, identified as Harsha and Subhash, who were working at the behest of Mr. Sarja's driver, Nagendra. The duo confessed that Nagendra had roped them in for the attack.

The police then picked up Nagendra who confessed that the attack was carried on the order's of Mr. Sarja's manager, following which the police arrested Ashwin.

Initial probe revealed that Nagendra and Ashwin were unhappy with the close association between Poojari and Dhruva. Further investigations are on to ascertain if the accused had any other motive behind the attack.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The number of people who died in the Vietnam storm

87 Typhoon Yagi and subsequent heavy rains have triggered floods and landslides in the country injuring more than a 100 people. At least 70 people were reported missing. Typhoon Yagi was the strongest typhoon to hit Vietnam in decades. AP

The Palestinians killed in the Gaza Strip since October 7

41,020 The toll includes 32 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to the health ministry in Gaza. At least 94,925 people have been wounded in the Gaza Strip since the war started. AFP

The fine to be paid by Google in the antitrust shopping case

2.7 In $ billion. Google lost its final legal challenge on Tuesday against a European Union penalty for giving its shopping recommendations an illegal advantage over rivals in search results, ending a long-running antitrust case. AP

Number of days for which Internet will be suspended in Manipur

5 The State government suspended internet services from September 10 to 15 amid intensified agitation by students. The State Home department said that the decision was taken to curb the use of social media for transmission of hate speech and hate videos. PTI

Number of CRPF personnel deployed to the State of Manipur

2,000 The Centre has directed deployment of two fresh CRPF battalions in Manipur. This comes after the withdrawal of two Assam Rifles battalions from the State. PTI

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On ANI's defamation suit against Wikipedia

Why has the news agency *Asian News International* filed a lawsuit against the Wikimedia Foundation? What has the Delhi High Court asked the Foundation to reveal? Who can make and edit pages on the Wikipedia site? Will Wikipedia be blocked in India?

EXPLAINER

Aroon Deep

The story so far:

The news agency *ANI* sued Wikipedia parent Wikimedia Foundation last month for defamation, due to a description of the news agency as a propagator of government propaganda on the website. Last week, a Delhi High Court judge threatened to order the government to block Wikipedia if the Foundation didn't provide details of the users who made these edits.

What does the page on ANI say?

When Wikipedia's page for the news agency *Asian News International* started reflecting new reporting scrutinising the firm's record in 2020, a back-and-forth edit war ensued among users – seasoned editors on one side, and largely new accounts that only edited the ANI page, according to public logs of changes made to the entry – for months. The agency, which largely syndicates video and text feeds from around the country to news channels and other outlets (including to *The Hindu*), was described as "running [a] pro India fake news network aimed at influencing European think tank [sic] against Pakistan," a version of the article then read. Over time, this rough sentence in the page's introduction was smoothed out, annotated, and crystallised into what it says today: that the agency is "accused of having served as a propaganda tool for the incumbent central government, distributing materials from a vast network of fake news websites, and misreporting events on multiple occasions." *ANI* found the description, along with a longer section detailing these descriptions, defamatory. They sued the Wikimedia Foundation, which runs Wikipedia, in the Delhi High Court earlier this year, seeking ₹2 crore in damages.

In statements to *The Hindu*, the Wikimedia Foundation has stood by the ANI page, saying that the descriptions in that entry are borne out by reliable sources (which include *The Diplomat*, the EU DisinfoLab, and *The Caravan* magazine). Users who have made more than 300 edits and have an account that is at least a month old are free to "improve" the page, the Foundation said.

What has the Delhi High Court ordered in the case so far?

At the second hearing on August 20, Justice Navin Chawla ordered the company to serve three of its users with a summons to appear in the case, and provide "details" about these users. The demand appeared to be aimed at unmasking the individual editors who made these changes, something that the Foundation has historically not done outside the U.S. Even as the non-profit communicated with *ANI*'s lawyers shortly before the subsequent hearing on Thursday, the latter filed a contempt application. At the Thursday hearing, Mr. Chawla issued a verbal threat to order the Indian government to block Wikipedia if it did not comply. An "authorised representative" of the non-profit was directed to be personally present at the next hearing on October 25.

Does Wikipedia face lawsuits and censorship threats elsewhere?

Wikipedia has faced bans and lawsuits from around the world by individuals and organisations that have been aggrieved by descriptions of them. In Russia, Wikipedia editors have been targeted with arrests and intimidation since the beginning of that country's invasion of Ukraine. In 2019, a German court ordered the Foundation to remove records of an older version of an article about academic Alex Waibel; in the U.S., the firm routinely faces lawsuits, and nearly all cases have either been withdrawn or found in the non-profit's favour, due to the country's ironclad protections for web platforms.

The encyclopedia allows nearly anyone to edit posts, even without being logged in. However, some posts on contentious topics are restricted (sometimes for a long duration) to registered users with a track record of making contributions that have been upheld by other users. Norms on the site are decided by the community, and may be enforced unevenly, with articles on less notable subjects suffering from issues like advertising-like language.

Does Wikipedia content have an ideological bias?

The current policies followed by Wikipedia users do not have an explicit ideological flavour. These include guidelines such as having a "neutral point of view," only including "notable" information and having reliable sources decided by the community. However, the site is often accused of a progressive, liberal bias, something that a few studies have also attested to.

Conservative grievances with Wikipedia users' editorial slant have invariably become part of the discourse around the *ANI*-Wikipedia case. *OpIndia*, a right wing news portal that has covered the *ANI* lawsuit closely, has accused Wikipedia editors of propagating liberal "propaganda" on the site; has previously revealed the identity of an individual editor who started and contributed to the entry on the 2020 Delhi riots; and has criticised the site's description of the riots for allegedly downplaying attacks by Muslim rioters. The portal's editor on Sunday vowed to put out a detailed "dossier" outlining these allegations. Wikipedia's volunteer editors have had a general prohibition on *OpIndia* articles since 2009, with the site being described by a Wikipedia policy page on reliable sources by/for editors as "considered generally unreliable due to its poor reputation for fact-checking and accuracy".

Has Wikipedia faced criticism for content vandalism in India before?

Wikipedia has faced the Union government's ire at least once in the past due to vandalism. The cricketer Arshdeep Singh's page was briefly vandalised last year, and then-Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the vandalism was inconsistent with the government's principles for the Indian internet. The site's volunteers had quickly addressed the vandalism and restricted the page to experienced editors.

The site also suffers from a weakness under Indian law – unlike social media companies, it has no procedure in place to block access to articles after receiving a court order. In 2019, the Wikimedia Foundation termed a prior draft of the IT Rules, 2021, which enable such blocking orders, as having "the potential to limit free expression rights for internet users across the country".

Can Wikipedia be blocked?

However, Wikipedia may not be completely immune from arm-twisting or blocking. China, for instance, has had the site blocked for years. While Russia has not blocked the site, it has arrested volunteer editors of Russian-language Wikipedia, and told search engines to mark the site as a violator of Russian laws. Since Wikipedia content is licenced under what is called Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike Licence 4.0, its pages can be legally mirrored to a "fork" setup that can edit and censor its content as per government demands or individual biases. Ruwiki is an example of such a fork, which complies with Russian authorities' narratives on the Russia-Ukraine war.

Wikipedia and some key numbers

In August this year, India recorded the fifth highest number of Wikipedia users — 78 crore — with United States leading the list followed by Japan, Great Britain and Germany . The "free encyclopedia" includes articles in all but two (Bodo and Dogri) of the 22 languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Among them, the highest number of articles were in Urdu, at 2 lakh, followed by Tamil, at 1.5 lakh. Zooming out, globally, the English language had the highest number of articles, closely followed by Cebuano, a regional language spoken in the Phillippines.

By **The Hindu Data Team**

Chart 1: The chart shows the countries with the largest number of Wikipedia users in August 2024

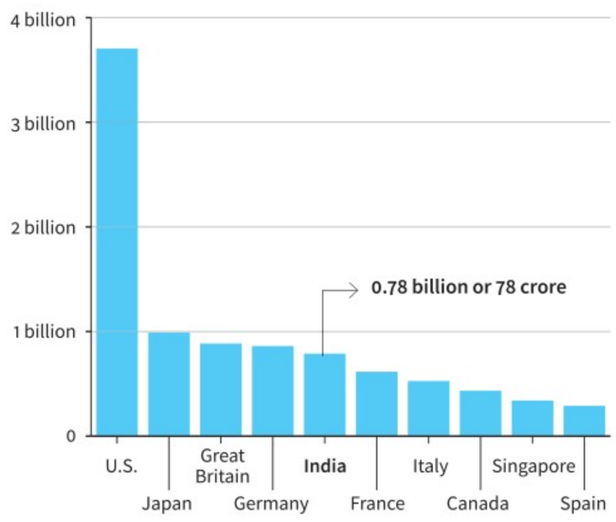


Chart 2: The chart lists the 23 languages spoken in India — including those in the Eighth Schedule — in which Wikipedia articles are available. The bigger the size of the rectangle, the more the number of articles

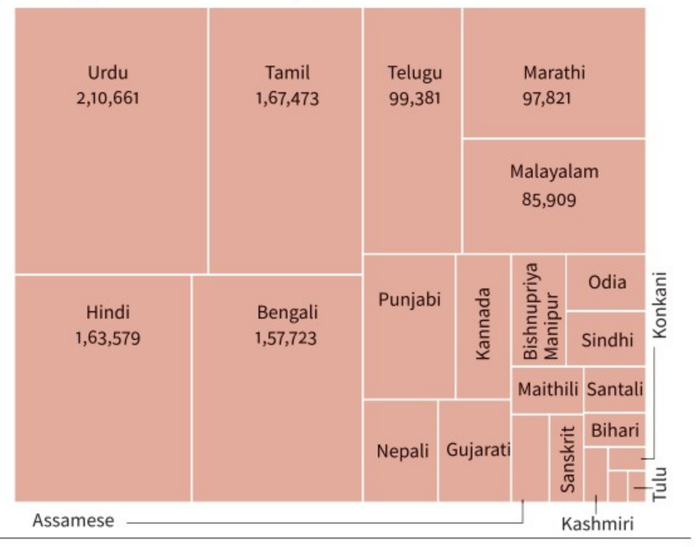
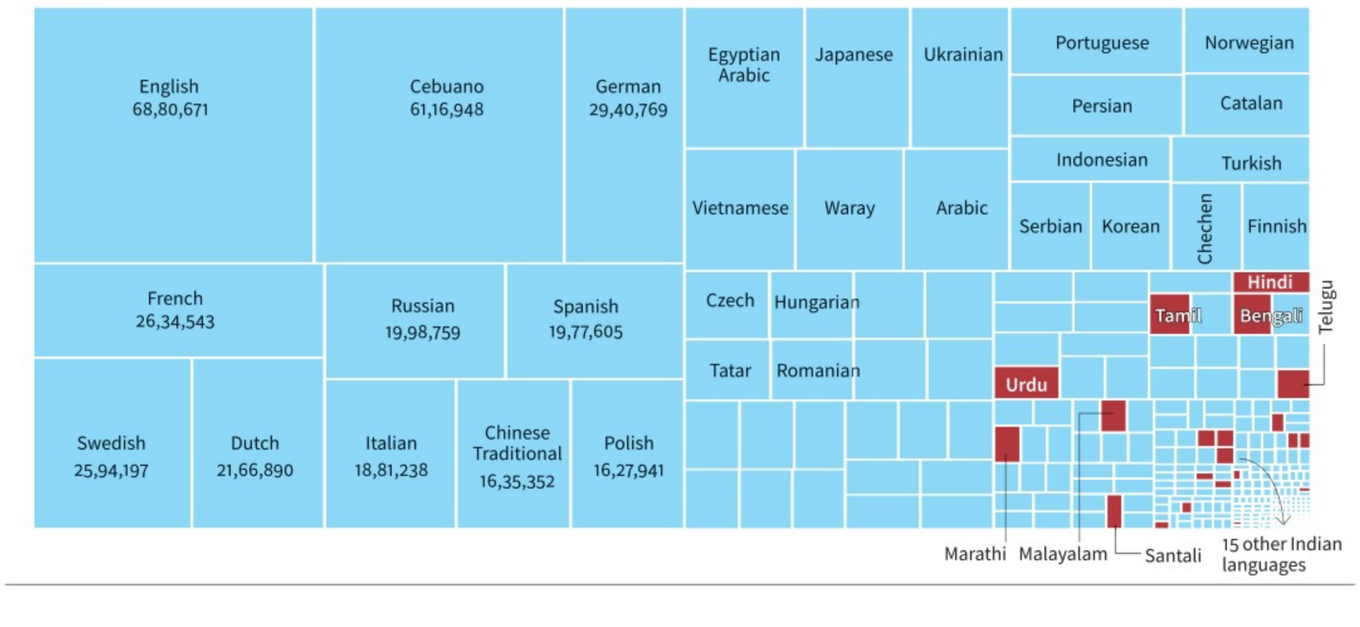


Chart 3: The chart lists the 320 languages in which Wikipedia articles are available. The bigger the size of the rectangle, the more the articles



THE GIST

ANI is described on Wikipedia as "accused of having served as a propaganda tool for the incumbent central government, distributing materials from a vast network of fake news websites, and misreporting events on multiple occasions."

At the second hearing on August 20, Justice Navin Chawla ordered the company to serve three of its users with a summons to appear in the case, and provide "details" about these users.

In statements to *The Hindu*, the Wikimedia Foundation has stood by the ANI page, saying that the descriptions in that entry are borne out by reliable sources (which include *The Diplomat*, the EU DisinfoLab, and *The Caravan* magazine).

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer(QA/QC) Division, East Zone, Room No. 101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02

No.: EE(QA/QC)/East/TEND/43/24-25 Date: 10.09.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System)
(Only through E-Procurement System)

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons / firms those **who have done similar type of work** for **Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for** the below works through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer QA/QC, East Zone BBMP.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Construction of Fire Escape Staircase with firefighting works for Annex-3 Building at BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru. **Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs):** 700.00. **EMD amount in Rs.:** 14,245/-

Time Schedule / Calendar of events: (1) Tender document may be downloaded through e-portal from: **12.09.2024. (2)** Pre-bid meeting: **19.09.2024** at **11:30 a.m.** Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), R.No. 101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002. **(3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **23.09.2024** upto **4:00 p.m. (4)** Opening of Technical bid: **24.09.2024** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, QA/QC Division, East Zone, BBMP

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(KPP Portal Mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works :

No: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-32/24-25/1724-27 Date:09.09.2024

1) Dismantling, Transportation (To and Fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and Commissioning of sick power transformer of rating **31.5MVA**, 66/11KV (1 Limb), BBL Make, Sl. No. 5392/02 Power Transformer failed at 220/66/11kv Station Bidadi in TL & SS Division, Somanahalli on Total Turn Key Basis (Percentage Tender Basis).

2) Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating **20MVA**, 66/11KV(3 Limbs), BBL MAKE, Sl. NO. 4767/2 Power Transformer failed at 66/11KV SUBSTATION KANAKAPURA on total turn key basis.

No: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-37/24-25/ 1762-63 Dtd:10.09.2024

3) Replacement of existing age old/deteriorated 11kv, 20kA 2 I/C+8F+2CB+1AP MEI make PCVCB switchgears panels by 11KV, 25kA, 2I/C+8F+2CB+1AP PCVCB MEI make switchgears panels at 66/11kv Melehalli Sub-station at Bidadi Nodal Centre in TL & SS Division, Somanahalli Division, Ramanagara District on Partial Turnkey Basis.

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 13.09.2024** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission(Maint.), Ramanagar Circle, KPTCL, Opp. R.R. Nagar metro station, Pantharapalya, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560026

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bids in two covers are invited through KPP Portal **(Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for the following works: **(1)** No.: KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1892, Dtd: 05.09.2024 for **Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of One No. of new Stator Air Cooler along with spare finned cooler tubes for 3rd Stage Generators at SGS.** EMD: **Rs. 80,000**/-. **(2)** KPCL/2024-25/IND1208, Dtd: 04.09.2024 for **Supply of 250 nos. of Carbon Brushes for Generators at Linganamakki Power House.** EMD: **Rs. 4,300/-. (3)** No: KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK INDENT1847, Dtd: 05.09.2024 for **Supply, Fabrication, Erection, Replacement of Retrofitting works of 350NB Bypass MS Pipeline for 5 Generating Units BFVs at Valve House of SGS.** EMD: **Rs. 34,701/-.** Last date & time for online submission of tenders: for Sl.No. (1) **20.09.2024 up to 17.30 Hrs,** for Sl.No. 2 is **20.09.2024 up to 16.30 Hrs** and for Sl.No. 3 is **19.09.2024 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Generator)Jog, Mob: 9141618306** for Sl.No. 1**, Executive Engineer (MSP)J, Mob: 9449598847, e-mail: eemspj@gmail.com** for Sl.No. 2, and for Sl.No. 3 **Executive Engineer (Turbine)JOG, Mob: 9449598802, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagar Tq., Shivamogga Dist,**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-K.R.Pura Division, NRI Layout Main Road (Near Indira Canteen), Kalkere, Bengaluru - 560 016.

No: BBMP/EE/RI/K.R.Pura/TEND/01/2024-25 Date: 10.09.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT)

(Two Cover System)(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-K.R.Pura Division, BBMP invites proposals for the consultancy service for the work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Consultancy services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) including TDR Works for the work of Consultancy service for Topographical Survey, Preparation of Preliminary Engineering drawing, Detailed Road alignment drawing, RMP Superimposition drawing and Google Earth Superimposition drawing for the road stretch from Medahalli Main Road Mahaganapathi Temple via NH-75 Old Madras Road to Kurudu Sonnenahalli Main Road near Shriram Blue Apartment for a total length of 3.00 Km in BBMP Mahadevapura Zone in K.R. Puram Assembly Constituency. **EMD:** Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only). **Cost of Tender:** As per KPP Portal. **Period of Completion:** 6 Months.

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal of GOK from **11.09.2024 onwards**. 2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **13.09.2024 at 15:00 hrs.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-K.R.Pura Division, N.R.I. Layout Main Road (Near Indira Canteen), Kalkere, Bengaluru-560 016. 3) Last date for receipt of Tenders: **21.09.2024 upto 16.00 hrs.** 4) Opening of Technical Bids: **23.09.2024 at 16.30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the KPP Portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RI-K.R.Pura Division, BBMP

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CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

RPCL invites bids through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the reputed agencies for the following Procurement of Goods for YTPS. **1. KPCL/2024-25/IND1022/CALL-4, 04.09.2024,** Seal kits of different types and couplings. **2. KPCL/2024-25/IND1199, 02.09.2024,** 33kV isolators. **3. KPCL/2024-25/IND1198, 02.09.2024,** Quenched tempered wear plate for HP-1103 Bowl mills. **4. KPCL/2024-25/IND1197, 28.08.2024,** Displays for ECP. **5. KPCL/2024-25/IND1092/CALL-3, 28.08.2024,** Labyrinth gland rope seal for HP 1103 Bowl Mills at YTPS. **6. KPCL/2024-25/IND1104/CALL-2, 28.08.2024,** HT copper and Aluminium cables. **7. KPCL/2024-25/IND1131/CALL-2, 28.08.2024,** Spares for RPG Elevators in CHP. **8. KPCL/2024-25/IND1017/CALL-3, 16.08.2024,** Pipelines fittings for CHP. **9. KPCL/2024-25/IND0984/CALL-3, 04.09.2024,** Spares for fire hydrant system at YTPS. **10. KPCL/2024-25/IND0977/CALL-2, 21.08.2024,** IBR approved High pressure steam valves for YTPS. Last date & time for bids submission: For Sl. No. 8 & 10: **13.09.2024,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 4 to 7: **17.09.2024,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2 & 3: **19.09.2024,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 1&9: **24.09.2024,16:00Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (MSP), RPCL, YTPS, Yeramarus - 584134, Raichur District,** Mobile: **94806 82892,** e-mail: **eemsprpcl@gmail.com,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

MYSURU PALACE BOARD, MYSURU

Office of the Executive Engineer, Mysuru
Tele Phone : 0821-2421051, **e-mail :** ddmysorepalace@gmail.com

No. EO/MPB/DD/Civil/Tender-04/2024-25 **Date:** 09-09-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only- Two cover System)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Deputy Director, Mysore Palace Board, Mysuru Invites the Tender by Civil Section on Occasion of Dasara-2024 in Mysore Palace premises for total amount of Rs.331.73/- Lakhs + GST (Minimum Rs. 8.17/- Lakhs + GST and Maximum 294.38/- Lakhs + GST) from Eligible Vendors / Bidders / Agencies / Firms who have executed similar type of works in Mysore Palace Board or State Archeology or Central Archeology for Dasara as per Tender Document in Two Cover System. **a)** Last date and time for receipt of tenders through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only: **17/09/2024 upto 11:00:00 hrs, b)** Time and date of opening of Technical Bid:**18/09/2024 after 11:30:00 hrs.**

Details regarding the work and tender document may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Any clarification regarding details of the work, or any other aspects of the above tender can be had by contacting the office of the Deputy Director, Mysuru Palace Board, Mysuru during the office hours.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/533/2024-25

Sd/- Deputy Director,
Mysuru Palace Board, Mysuru

(Public Works Department)

Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

Invitation for Tender (I.F.T)No.09/2024-25 Date: 06.09.2024

(For Building-Construction Works –As per standard Bid Document KW 4 in two cover system).

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders **from Date: 06.09.2024 to13.09.2024 up to 04:00 pm**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chikkaballapur

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/R.O.NO:175/KSMCA/2024-25

Government of Karnataka.
(Public Works, Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION BIDAR

NO: EE/PWD//Dvn/Bdr/JE-1/2024-25/1550 Date: 05-09-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the WORK INDENTNO, **PWD/2024-25/BD/RD7141(Call-4),12-926 /WORK_INDENT** (General 04) WORK INDENT 14717, 15347, 15186 and (SC A Reserve 01) 15078. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum **Rs. 20.00 Lakhs** & Maximum **Rs. 74.20 Lakhs.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Govt of Karnataka **Viz.https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on 05.09.2024. Tenders must be submitted through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or before 16.00 hours on 17.09.2024. Further any other information can be seen from the e- procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Note: Turn over certificate Without UDI Number will not be considered.

Executive Engineer,
PWD Divn. Bidar.

Government of Karnataka.
(Public Works, Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION BIDAR

NO: EE/PWD//Dvn/Bdr/JE-1/2024-25/1570 Date: 04-09-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for **PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT12030/CALL2,12902/CALL-2&PWD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT7741/CALL-3** Amount for the work is Minmum **Rs:3.99** Lakhs and Maximum **Rs:300.00** Lakhs Tender documents may be downloaded from the e.procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka **Viz. kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **16.00 hours** up to dt: **12.09.2024** Tenders will be opened on dt: **13.09.2024** Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

(Shivashankar Kamshetty)
Executive Engineer,
PWD Divn. Bidar.

Department of AYUSH

Dhanvanthri Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Telephone: 080-22876553, Fax: 080-22340139.
E-mail: directorayush.eproc@gmail.com

No: AYUSH/15/Procurement/2024-25 Date: 10.09.2024

Tender Notification (Through Kpp Portal only)

The e-tender in Two Document Systems invited from the Tender Inviting Authority and Accounts Officer, Department of AYUSH, Bengaluru for th supply of Unani Medicals to Government Unani Hospitals, as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999-2000 Rules there under **Kpp Portal** of Karnataka **https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in**

Calendar of Events		
1.	The Tender document will be available from	**10.09.2024 at 5:30 p.m.**
2.	Last date for uploading tender in Kpp Portal	**26.09.2024 at 3:30 p.m.**
3.	Opening of Technical bid is on	**30.09.2024 at 11:30 a.m.**

For further details may be viewed at above website:
Sd/- Accounts Officer/Chairman
(Tender Inviting Authority) Directorate of Ayush,
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PERSONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I, RAMACHANDRAN D., Father of Akash R., residing at B207, Vijetha Gardenia Apartment, Hosapalya, Bangalore 560068, hereby declare that we belong to Thuluva Vellala community which comes under OBC. Vide Affidavit dated 05/09/2024 before Notary AS Narayana Reddy, Bangalore 560034, for all legal and educational purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Army No.14935305L, Rama Brahmam Nalabolu, S/o (late) Veeranjaneyulu, aged about 41 years, R/o Door No.2-20, Kondramutla Village, Ipur Mandal, Palnadu District, Andhra Pradesh, India - 522647, I have changed my daughter name as Nalabolu Tharuna Sri from N.Taruna Sri and also changed her date of birth as 14-06-2008 from 17-10-2010 vide affidavit No.98/2024, dt.15-06-2024 before Notary Public, Vinukonda.

I, Army No.14935305L, Rama Brahmam Nalabolu, S/o (late) Veeranjaneyulu, aged about 41 years, R/o Door No.2-20, Kondramutla Village, Ipur Mandal, Palnadu District, Andhra Pradesh, India-522647, I have changed my son name as Nalabolu Mahendra Chakravarthi from N.Mahindra and also changed his date of birth as 17-06-2010 from 17-06-2012 vide affidavit No.97/2024, dt.15-06-2024 before Notary Public, Vinukonda.

I, VIKAS Sharma Om Prakash Sharma, R/a Flat No.403, 4th Floor, A Nanjappa Manor, Building No.7, Nanjappa Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore-560027 have changed my name to Vikas Sharma vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2024 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, 10359860F EX HAV Umesha.D.R S/o Late Ramashetty, R/a Kushal Nilaya, Brundavana Road, 12th cross, B.Katihalli village & post, Hassan District-573201, hereby state that my Son's name has been entered as Kushal in my Army Records but his correct name is Kushal Shetty vide affidavit dt: 31.08.2024 sworn before Notary D.S.Radhakrishna, Hassan.

I, ARIBA Khan D/o Shamim Bano residing at Evergreen Terraces, 003, 3rd Cross, 22nd Main Road, J P Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 have corrected my name spellings to Areba Khan vide affidavit dated 10/09/2024 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru. Ariba Khan and Areba Khan are both one and the same.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **G.S. Monica** Daughter of Mr. T.N. Girish Babu and Wife of Mr. Jayanth .G, (Jayanth Gopal as per the Passport) aged about 32 years, residing at 39, Paddock View Doncaster DN1 2DA. I hereby state that my maiden name is **Girish Babu SR Nagar**. Even after marriage my name remained as **MONICA.GIRISH BABU SR NAGAR.** and Now I have changed my name to **MONICA JAYANTH** vide affidavit dated 2.9.2024 sworn to before ISON HARRISON LIMITED, 9 Cavendish Court, DONCASTER, DN1 2DJ.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HEMANTH Parasmal Sancheti, R/a No.69, 3rd Floor, Ramaiyengar Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore-560004, Karnataka have changed my name to Hemanth Sancheti vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2024 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE SPECIAL DISTRICT JUDGE NO.I, CUDDALORE, TAMIL NADU MCOP No.1750 / 2023

H.Sivasakthi, W/o.(Late) Hariharan Nainakuppam,Senkurichi, Kallakurichi ... Petitioner
-Vs-
R K Cylinders, (Rep. by its Proprietor), No.7, 14th Main, 5th Sector, HSR Layout,Bangalore pincode-560 034 ..1st Respondent

NOTICE TO 1ST RESPONDENT

The Petitioner claimed compensation of **Rs.30,00,000/-** for injuries caused by your Goods Carrier bearing **Regn.No.TN-18-BZ-3588** in a motor accident on **19.06.2023**. The case is posted to **20.09.2024** for your appearance. You should appear in the above court in person or through Advocate at **10.00 AM on 20.09.2024** and file your objection else the case will be decided in your absence.

M.Sivamani, B.A., B.L.,
Advocate for Petitioner, Cell No.9443129416

BEFORE SPECIAL DISTRICT JUDGE NO.I, CUDDALORE, TAMIL NADU MCOP No.1751 / 2023

H.Sivasakthi, W/o. (Late) Hariharan & Others, Nainakuppam, Senkurichi, Kallakurichi .. Petitioner
-Vs-
R K Cylinders, (Rep. by its Proprietor), No.7, 14th Main, 5th Sector, HSR Layout,Bangalore pincode-560 034 ..1st Respondent

NOTICE TO 1ST RESPONDENT

The Petitioner claimed compensation of **Rs.90,00,000/-** for death of **HARIHARAN** by your Goods Carrier bearing **Regn.No.TN-18-BZ-3588** in a motor accident on **19.06.2023**. The case is posted to **20.09.2024** for your appearance. You should appear in the above court in person or through Advocate at **10.00 AM on 20.09.2024** and file your objection else the case will be decided in your absence.

M.Sivamani, B.A., B.L.,
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IFT No. PWD:DK:DB:KW- 4:2024-25: 1753 Date: 09-09-2024.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account : 5054-MDR Improvements & 4059-Department Building/ 2023-24.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. 3 Works (Work Indent No: 12124, 10857 & 11253). Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **20-09-2024 Time 16.00,** Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **21-09-2024 Time 16.30.** Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid **23-09-2024 Time 11.00.** Minimum & Maximum Estimate Amount Rs. 300.00 Lakhs & Rs. 750.00 Lakhs respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries/Clarification, Date of Financial Bid Opening, Date & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Note: A separate paper notification will not be issued in case of re-inviting of above mentioned tenders, any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/345/KSMCA/2024-25

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No. SGITO/e-Auction/FD/16/2024-25 Date: 10.09.2024

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Sub: Inviting E-Auction for Interest rate bids on Investment of Surplus Funds in Fixed Deposit Non-Callable for one year through E-Portal, Government of Karnataka.

Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics, Bengaluru is inviting competitive rate of interest through e-bidding on the KPPP Portal of Govt. of Karnataka from the Regional / Zonal / Head Offices of the Nationalized banks for Fixed / Term Deposits of 'Surplus funds' for the following.

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E-Auction documents should be submitted electronically through e-Procurement portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) and last date for applying is on **23.09.2024** before **11:00** Hrs. For further information please contact, office of the Chief Administrative Officer during office hours.

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Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer, SGITO

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.M.Jaikumar, s/o late Munivenkataiah, r/at Kurubara Palya Village, Chikkanahalli Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner (1) Sri.Henjaraiah, s/o late Sakshaiah, (2) Smt.Jayamma, w/o Sri.Henjaraiah and (3) Sri.Shivakumar.H., s/o Sri.Henjaraiah, all r/at No.1511, 3rd Cross Road, 8th Main, Kengeri Upanagar, Bangalore – 560 060.

Any person/s or authority having any right, title, interest or claim in respect of the Schedule Property or having any tenable objections to this proposed sale transaction should intimate about the same along with all supporting documents to the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of this Public Notice, failing which, it shall be deemed that no objections from any person/s or authority and my client shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property from them.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that agricultural land bearing Sy.No.119, re-Sy.No.119/1, measuring 1 acre 10 guntas with 2 guntas of karab (in all measuring 1 acre 12 guntas) out of 2 acres 22 guntas with 3 guntas of karab (total 2 acres 25 guntas) situated at Chikkanahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as under: **ON THE EAST:** Land belonging to Munirangaiah of Mayasandra; **WEST:** Land fell to the share of Somaiah; **NORTH:** Land belonging to Nanjundappa and Hombamma; **SOUTH :** Land bearing Sy.No.120;

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1:All that agricultural land bearing Sy.No.121, measuring 2 acres 19 guntas with 3 guntas of karab (in all measuring 2 acre 22 guntas) out of 4 acres 37 guntas with 6 guntas of karab (total 5 acres 3 guntas) situated at Chikkanahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as under: **ON THE EAST :** Land bearing Sy.No.134; **WEST :** Land falling to the share of Sri.Shivanna; **NORTH :**Land falling to the share of Sri.Henjaraiah; **SOUTH :**Land belonging to Sri.Hulisiddappa;

Item No.2: All that agricultural land bearing old Sy.No.39, re-Sy.No.134, measuring 1 acre out of 2 acres, situated at Chikkanahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as under: **ON THE EAST :**Land belonging to Munirangaiah of Mayasandra; **WEST :** Land falling to the share of Sri.Shivanna; **NORTH :** Land bearing Sy.No.120; **SOUTH :** Land belonging to Hulisiddappa and Siddappa;

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OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).

No./KNNL/HBC/PB/TND/2024-25/ 1854 Date: 09.09.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through kpp-portal only)

Percentage tenders are invited as per KW-3 in Two cover system for below mentioned Work on from eligible tenderers, for the works detailed below by the undersigned.

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division Athani, invites percentage basis tender from interested, experienced and resourceful CEIG registered Class-I Electrical contractor. With labour licence (who have experience in LIS O & M /Electro mechanical works) and Above Contractors who fulfill the pre-qualification criteria for the bellow mentioned work.

The two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed The bidders are requested to submit their bids in two cover system including EMD in e-cash. The first cover (Technical Bid) should contain the documents as mentioned in Para 4, The second cover shall contain the financial bid. The cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened first. Thereafter cover-II (financial bid) of only those bidders who have fulfill the conditions contained in Para.4 will be opened.

The blank tender documents can be obtained through website and can be submitted through electronic tender only.

The approximate estimated cost of work is 1) Rs. 74.37 Lakhs 2) Rs. 89.35 Lakhs, 3) Rs.73.79 Lakhs 4) Rs. 59.99. Lakhs 5) Rs. 59.48 Lakhs 6) Rs. 88.98 Lakhs 7) Rs. 59.03 Lakhs 1:The contractor can request for e-tendering documents: From 11.09.2024@ 10.30 AM to 20.09.2024. upto 4.00 PM, 2:Last date & time for tender queries:19.09.2024 upto 4.00 PM, 3:Submission of completed e-tendering document:From 11.09.2024 @ 10.30 AM to 20.09.2024. upto 4.00 PM, 4:Opening of Technical Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani:23.09.2024 @ 11.00 AM, 5:Opening of Financial Bid at EE KNNL HBC Division Athani: 25.09.2024 @ 11.00 AM (Or after Approval of Technical Bid), 6:Date for Producing original document @ EE KNNL HBC Division Athai.24.09.2024 @ 11.00 AM.

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

Sd/-Praveen .B. Hunashikatti.
Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani

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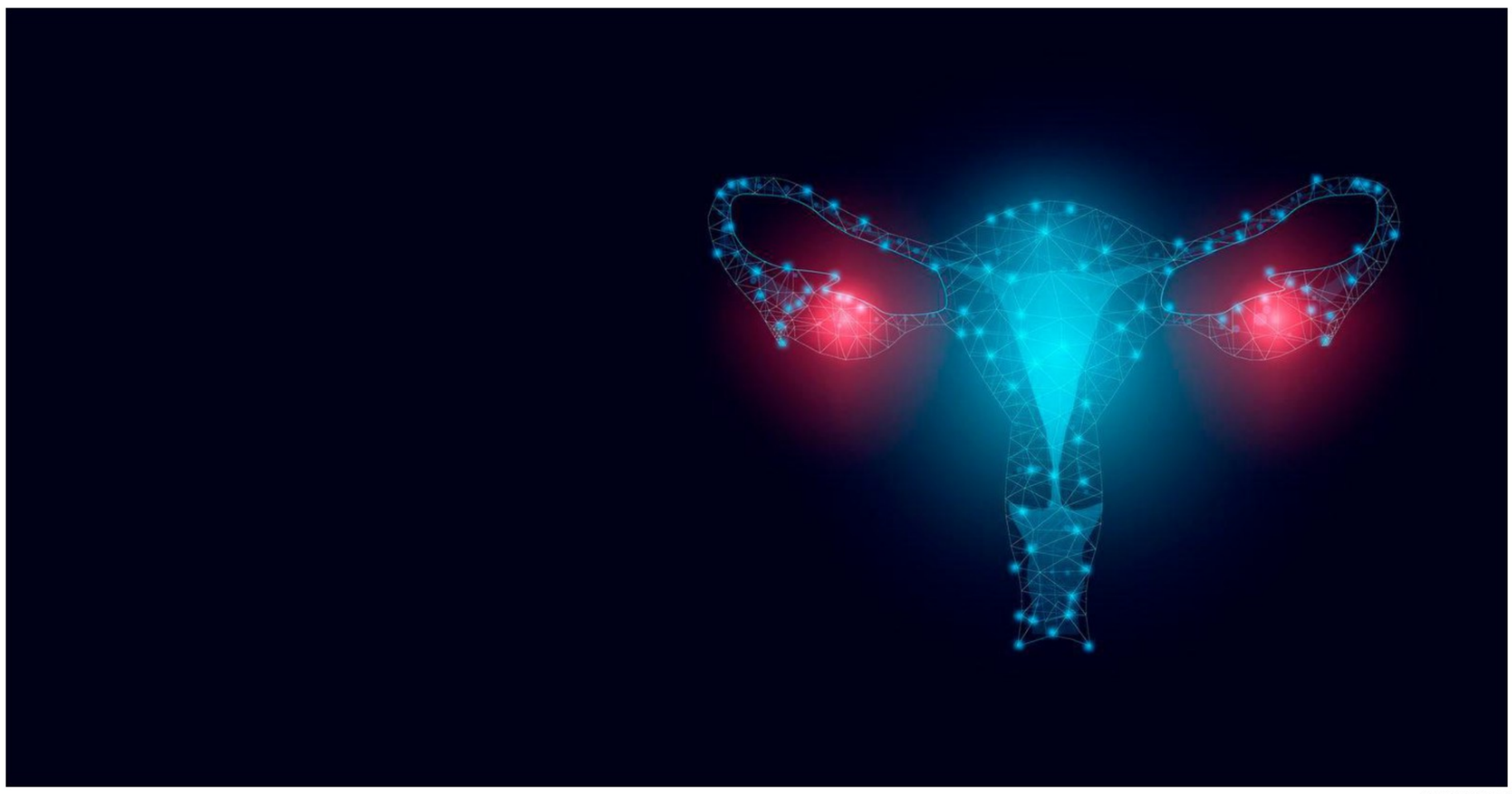

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Understanding ovarian cancer: its causes, symptoms, and screening methods

This September, during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, understanding the cancer's lesser-known facts — from subtle symptoms to genetic and lifestyle risks — can lead to earlier detection, personalised treatment, and preventive strategies

Anup Rawool
Vid Karmarkar

Note: The information in this article is provided as such and is not intended as medical advice. If you have any concerns, please consult your physician.

Ovarian cancer is the most lethal gynecological malignancy. It is often called a "silent killer" because its symptoms are non-specific and mimic less serious conditions that lead to late diagnosis and a poor prognosis. In India, ovarian cancer ranks among the top three cancers, contributing to 6.6% of all women's cancers.

In 2022, India reported 47,333 new ovarian cancer cases and 32,978 deaths. These alarming figures highlight the gravity of the disease. Understanding lesser-known aspects of ovarian cancer can enhance prevention, early detection, and treatment efforts, offering hope to patients and healthcare providers.

Unlike other cancers, ovarian cancer presents vague symptoms such as bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, loss of appetite, feeling full quickly, and an urgent or frequent need to urinate. Other signs include indigestion, constipation, back pain, persistent fatigue, weight loss, and postmenopausal vaginal bleeding. These symptoms are often mistaken for common ailments, leading to late diagnosis. A 2004 study reported women with (malignant) ovarian cancer typically experience these symptoms 20 to 30 times a month, and which are more severe than those without the disease. Unfortunately, because of the overlapping nature of these symptoms with other common ailments, they can be dismissed until the cancer has advanced. Healthcare providers must be vigilant when women report persistent symptoms.

Cancer subtypes and screening

Ovarian cancer is not a uniform disease. It has two main subtypes: type I and type II. Type I tumours are less common, typically diagnosed at an early stage, and have a better prognosis. Type II tumours are more common, more aggressive, usually diagnosed at an advanced stage, and are responsible for most deaths due to ovarian cancer.

The survival rate for patients with ovarian cancer depends on the stage of detection and access to appropriate treatment. Researchers reported in September 2022 that around 20% of patients with advanced ovarian cancer who receive optimal surgery and platinum-based chemotherapy could be disease-free at 10 years and might be considered potentially cured.

Unlike breast or cervical cancer, there are no effective screening tests for ovarian cancer. The CA125 blood test, often included in cancer screening packages, is not recommended for routine screening in women at average risk due to its limited specificity. While CA125 is useful to monitor ovarian cancer after diagnosis, it is less effective at screening asymptomatic women as it can lead to false positives and unnecessary further testing, anxiety, and potentially over-treatment.

Due to the absence of a reliable screening tool, awareness of risk factors and symptoms becomes crucial. Regular consultations with healthcare providers and discussions about family history can lead to earlier detection and better management of ovarian cancer.

Genes and endometriosis

While it's possible to develop ovarian cancer even without a family history of breast or ovarian cancer, it's the most heritable of all cancers: 65-85% of hereditary ovarian cancer cases involve mutations in the BRCA1 or the BRCA2 genes. Women with these mutations have a significantly higher risk of developing ovarian cancer – up to 50% for BRCA1 and around 15% for BRCA2. Some other genes have also been associated with hereditary ovarian cancer.

Genetic testing allows for personalised risk management, including tailored clinical surveillance, chemoprevention, and prophylactic surgeries, which can reduce the risk of developing ovarian cancer in high-risk women. Endometriosis, a condition where uterine-like tissue grows outside the uterus, has been linked to an increased risk of certain types of ovarian cancer, particularly endometrioid and clear-cell cancers. This said, endometriosis-linked ovarian cancer risk is low and radical measures, such as a bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, to prevent ovarian cancer alone are rarely justified.

Lifestyle factors

Certain lifestyle factors are linked to ovarian cancer risk. For example, the use of talcum powder in the genital area has long been debated, with mixed evidence about its potential link to ovarian cancer. In the past, some talc products contained asbestos, a known carcinogen, but the evidence regarding modern, asbestos-free talc is still inconclusive. Experts including the American Cancer Society have called for more research to settle these questions. Another emerging area of concern is the use of chemical hair products. Some studies have shown a possible link between the prolonged use of hair dyes and an increased risk of ovarian cancer.

Additionally, frequent use of hair straighteners, relaxers or pressing products that release formaldehyde gas – a known carcinogen – may elevate the risk of developing ovarian cancer. Again, more research is required.

HRT, menopause, and genetic counselling

Hormone replacement therapy (HRT), commonly used to alleviate menopausal symptoms, has been linked to a higher risk of ovarian cancer even when used for less than five years. Postmenopausal women considering HRT should weigh this risk against the benefits and explore alternatives with their healthcare provider to make informed decisions.

For women with a family history of ovarian or breast cancer, genetic counselling is a valuable tool. This process helps identify individuals at risk for hereditary cancers and provides tailored guidance on preventive measures and potential treatments. Through personalised risk management strategies, genetic counselling can improve outcomes and help reduce the likelihood of developing ovarian cancer.

Ovarian cancer may be elusive, but knowledge is power. This September, during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, understanding its lesser-known facts – from subtle symptoms to genetic and lifestyle risks – can lead to earlier detection, personalised treatment, and preventive strategies. Empower yourself and others with this knowledge – it can save lives.

Anup Rawool is a Clinical and Cancer Geneticist and the founder of Sahaj Genetics Clinic, Comprehensive Medical Genetics & Counseling Center. Vid Karmarkar is the founder and CEO of Canseva Foundation.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The September 11 attacks, commonly known as 9/11, were coordinated terrorist suicide attacks carried out by the al-Qaeda against the U.S. in 2001. A quiz on that fateful day

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
On the morning of September 11, 19 terrorists hijacked how many commercial airliners scheduled to travel from the East Coast to California?

QUESTION 2
The hijackers crashed the first two planes into the Twin Towers of the WTC, and the third team succeeded in striking the Pentagon. Where did the fourth plane crash?

QUESTION 3
What is the term for the global counter terrorist military campaign initiated by the United States following the September 11 attacks of 2001?

QUESTION 4
The U.S. invoked which article of the NATO to call upon allies to fight the al-Qaeda? How many times has the U.S. invoked this article?

QUESTION 5
Regarding the 9/11 attack, one of the sites is termed Ground Zero. Which is it?

Visual question:
This image is credited to which photographer? What is the photograph called?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This country topped the medals table with 220 medals in the Paris Paralympics. **Ans: China**
2. These two Indian athletes became two-time gold medal winners at the Paris Games. **Ans: Shooter Avani Lekhara and shot putter Sumit Antil**
3. India recorded a one-two in athletics for the first time in this event. **Ans: Men's club throw F51 event**
4. This athlete became the first Indian to win medals at three consecutive Paralympics. **Ans: Mariyappan Thangavelu (High jump T42 class)**
5. India's youngest Paralympic medallist. **Ans: Armless archer Sheetal Devi**
6. The reason Dutch cyclist Caroline Groot and Iranian powerlifter Ahmad Aminzadeh made news. **Ans: First and last of the 549 gold medal winners at the Games**
Visual: Name this neutral athlete. **Ans: Ihar Boki**
Early Birds: Varghese Joseph| Tamal Biswas| Tito Shiladitya| Kevin Toms Skaria

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
Upendran

"Had a good night's sleep?"
"Oh yes. In fact, I fell asleep as soon as I hit the sack.'"
"Went out like a light, did you?"
"No, there was no power failure at our place yesterday."
"Power failure?"
"Didn't you say something about the lights going out?"
"Lights going out? Oh, yes. I asked you if you went out like a light. Do you know what it means?"
"No."
"If someone goes out like a light, he/she falls asleep or becomes unconscious suddenly."
"Well, I didn't become unconscious. I merely fell asleep. Went out like a light as you said."
"Good. How's your grandfather? Is he still mad at your father for not taking his advice?"
"No, he has cooled down."
"That's good. So, does he sit watching the goggle box all day?"
"Goggle box?"
"Yes, goggle box is an informal word for television."
"T.V. is called the goggle box? I didn't know that. I know it is called the idiot box, but why goggle box?"
"Before I answer that, let me tell you how the word is pronounced. The 'o' sounds like the 'o' in 'hot', 'got' and 'not'."
"So it's goggle. Goggle box."
"Do you know what goggle means?"
"Doesn't it mean to stare at something with your eyes wide open?"
"Yes, that's part of the meaning. You see when you goggle at someone, you stare at him/her with your eyes open because you are surprised by what you see. I can say 'I goggled at the new shirt he was wearing'."
"I think I understand now why T.V. is called the goggle box. Most people who watch it have their eyes wide open."
"And many of them have their mouth wide open too!"
"And while we're on the subject of television, I'd like to know why so many women are particular about what their nose looks like."
"What are your talking about?"
"I watch a lot of foreign programmes. Every now and then some woman says 'You must excuse me. I'd like to powder my nose'... Why are you laughing?"
"I'm sorry. Please continue."
"Why do they keep powdering their nose so often?"
"Well, some time ago, we talked about asking for the bathroom in a direct and indirect manner. Do you remember?"
"Of course, I remember. That's when you talked about something called euphemism."
"That's right."
"But what's the connection between powdering one's nose and going to the bathroom?"
"If a lady says I'd like to powder my nose, it means she wants to use the bathroom. It's an indirect way of asking you where the bathroom is. 'Powder-room' or 'powdering-room' is a women's cloakroom or lavatory in a public building."
"That's very interesting."
Published in The Hindu on May 4, 1993.

Word of the day

Sodden:
wet through and through; thoroughly wet

Synonym: soppy

Usage: *The playing fields were sodden after the rains.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/soddenpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈsɒ.dən/

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Health Minister terms KDA suggestion on Kannada prescriptions impractical

Authority wants the State to make it mandatory for govt. hospital doctors to write prescriptions in Kannada; Minister says they will find it difficult to write generic names of drugs in the language

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While the Kannada Development Authority (KDA) has written to the State government to make it mandatory for doctors in all government hospitals to write prescriptions in Kannada., State Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has said it is not practical for doctors to write drug names, their chemical compositions and dosage in the local language.

In a letter to Health Minister on Monday, KDA chairman Purushottama Bilimale said the government should direct all doctors in government-run facilities to write prescriptions in Kannada instead of English.

Responding to this, the Health Minister said it is difficult for doctors to write prescriptions with the generic names of the medicines in Kannada. "For this, both the doctor and the pharmacist should know Kannada. We have doctors from other States working here and not all of them can read and write Kannada. Making it mandatory is unreasonable and not practical. I will write to the KDA chairman explaining the difficulties," he told *The Hindu*.

The Kannada Development Authority chairman has said making it mandatory for doctors to write prescriptions in Kannada would help the growth of the language in the State. GETTY IMAGES

"Medical terms, drug names, and chemical compositions are in English, and translating them into Kannada without errors is challenging. While the KDA has made this suggestion with good intentions, it is not practical," the Minister said.

The KDA chairman said making it mandatory for doctors to write prescriptions in Kannada would help the growth of the Kannada language in the State. "If government doctors working in health centres, and taluk and district hospitals across the State prioritise Kannada while writing prescriptions, it will be a major step towards protecting the identity of the Kannada language," he said.

Pointing out that his recent visit to Raichur district motivated doctors in the government hospital there to write prescriptions in Kannada, Mr. Bilimale said: "I asked the Deputy Commissioner to issue directions in this regard to the doctors there. After reading about it in the media, hundreds of doctors voluntarily have expressed to me that they will start writing prescriptions in Kannada to save the language."

"The government should recognise and honour doctors who promote Kannada in their work. Doctors should be felicitated annually on Doctors' Day at the taluk, district, and State levels for their commitment to using the language. The government should also motivate doctors and hospital administrators in the private sector to use the language in their practice," the letter stated.

Sources in the Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA) said it was practically not possible for doctors to write prescriptions and medical terms in Kannada. "For this, both the patient and pharmacist should know the language. Also, it is difficult to write the generic names of medicines in the local language. There are chances of it being misread and the risk of dispensing wrong medicines will be high," sources said.

Police crack down on drug peddlers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing a crackdown on the drug menace, the anti-narcotics wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) in the last one week arrested seven peddlers, including a female foreign national, and recovered synthetic drugs worth ₹2.9 crore from them.

A private firm employee from HSR Layout was allegedly caught red-handed while he had come to receive the drug consignment through international courier of the Indian postal service.

The police recovered 999 LSD strips and 998 MDMA ecstasy pills worth ₹1.5 crore from him which he sourced through his friend in Belgium, said the police.

Earlier, the CCB officials raided a house in Vidyaranyapura and arrested a female foreign national and recovered 96.6 grams MDMA crystals worth ₹10 lakh from her.

The accused, according to the police, had come to the city on a business visa in 2019 and was arrested by the K.G. Nagar police in 2023 for a similar offence. She was arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

After coming out on bail, the accused continued to peddle drugs. The police are further investigating to ascertain her source of drugs.

Alliance Air to shift operations to T2 of KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Alliance Air will shift its Bengaluru flight operation from Terminal 1 of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to Terminal 2 from this October 1.

According to the airline: "This is to inform all passengers that, effective October 1, 2024, Alliance Air flight operations will be shifted from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2 at Bengaluru airport. For further details, please visit www.allianceair.in, or contact 044 42554255 or 044 3511 3511."

A file photo of Kempegowda International Airport.

Terminal 1 is the operational hub for domestic flights of Indigo, Akasa Air, Alliance Air, and SpiceJet, while T2 is the exclusive hub to all international flights along with domestic flights of AirAsia, Air India, Star Air and Vistara.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 11	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:23
RISE 12:38	SET 00:00
THURSDAY, SEP. 12	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:23
RISE 13:36	SET 00:05
FRIDAY, SEP. 13	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:22
RISE 14:32	SET 01:03

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	25
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be slight. warm during the day. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

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This is to inform that, State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Government of Karnataka has issued Environmental Clearance to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited for implementation of "Upgradation & Beautification of Brindavan Garden at Krishna Raja Sagara Reservoir located at Sy. Nos. 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 254, 255, 256, 258, 259, 260, 291 of Hongahalli Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk and Sy. Nos. 98, 99, 100, 103, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148 of Chikkayarahalli Village, Chinakurali Hobli, Pandavapura Taluk of Mandya District" vide Letter No. SEIAA 202 CON 2023 dt: 31/08/2024. This Environmental Clearance Letter issued by the SEIAA can be accessed at the Ministry website **https://parivesh.nic.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K.R. Sagara Division, K.R. Sagara.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client, R.RAMESH entered with Agreement for purchase of below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Smt. MUNIRATHNAMMA, W/o. Late K. Mahadeva,** R/at No. 106, 1st Main, 10th Cross, Kere Kodi Main Road, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru-560085.

Any person/s, banks / financial Sectors / individual /authorities etc., having any claim/s, right, share or interest over the schedule property shall file his/her/their/its objections along with original documents with the undersigned within **07 DAYS** from the date of this publication.

Any objections on and after **07 days,** shall not be entertained and my client shall proceed with the transactions presuming that there are no claim/s of anyone whatsoever over the same.

SCHEDULE

EASTERN PORTION of Property **No. 106,** Old Gramatana Katha No. 23/1 & 24/3 in Sy. No. 24/3 of **Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** now BBMP Ward No.161, Bengaluru measuring East to West: **20 feet** and North to South: **40 feet,** together with residential building consisting of Ground and First Floor provided with amenities & bounded on:

East by : Property No. 107,
West by : Remaining portion of Property No. 106 belongs to Puttasidde Gowda,
North by : Property No. 104 and 105,
South by : Road.

(A.N. Krishna), Advocate,
7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Brugual Mutt Cross Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
Bengaluru Date : 10-09-2024

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.49, 4th & 5th Floor, East Wing, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560001. Phone No. 080-40931272
Website: www.kiadb.in email: cdoce1@kiadb.in or jdtp@kiadb.in

No. KIADB/JDTP/FCN:34249/227/2024-25 **Date: 10-09-2024**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KIADB has obtained Environment Clearance for the Development of Masthenahalli Phase-II Industrial Area at Talagavara, Marapalli, Mallikapura and Masthenahalli Villages, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, Karnataka State for an extent of **414.65 Acres** from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) on **04.09.2024**. The Copy of the Environment Clearance is available in the website (**https://parivesh.nic.in**).

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
DIPR/CP/1922/Zen/2024-25 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
(ISO 9001:2015 AND ISO 14001:2015 CERTIFIED)
METROS, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035

E-Tender Notice
National Competitive Bidding

CMRL invites tenders through CPP e-procurement Portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender document through National Competitive Bidding under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical & Financial) system for the work as detailed below:

Tender No: CMRL/PHASE-II/PP&D/TDR-CON-22/2024 - "Design & Construction of a G+1 Government School Building near Okkiyam Thoraipakkkam (Including Civil, Electrical, Plumbing and Misc Works)"

(i) Document available from: 13/09/2024
(ii) Deadline for Bid submission: 07/10/2024 up-to 15:00 Hrs.

For further details, please visit :
www.chennaimetrorail.org : For NIT
https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app : For Downloading Bid Documents

Sd/-
DIPR/3596/Tender/2024 **Chief General Manager (PP&D)**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 24 UBL 2024-25 Dated : 03.09.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division :** Construction of Divyangjan Friendly toilets at Station of over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 2,10,18,045/-
2	**Hubballi Division : Sub Work - I :** Development of Rain water harvesting pond at EMD Shed at Hubballi. **Sub Work - II :** Supplying and transportation of drinking water through road tankers by private agency to stations and colonies including to Railway OHE/GLR's under SSE/W/WW/Hubballi jurisdiction for two years.	Rs. 1,03,86,822/-
3	**Hubballi Division :** Proposed construction of Type-II staff quarters 04 units at Vinobhanagar colony at Hubballi (Maintenance 03 Years).	Rs. 1,44,26,425/-
4	**Hubballi Division :** Proposed construction of Type-II staff quarters 08 units at Keshwapur colony at Hubballi (Maintenance 03 Years).	Rs. 2,38,91,723/-
5	**Hubballi Division :** Supply of water can to Level Crossing gates and gang units under Assistant Divisional Engineer / Vijayapura Jurisdiction (Total 34 gang units and 72 LC gates) for 24 Months.	Rs. 19,96,584/-
6	**Hubballi Division :** Conducting fly levelling survey using Digital Global Positioning System and generation of Longitudinal section in Badami - Hotagi & Hotagi & Bagalkot - Kajjidoni in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Vijayapura Jurisdiction.	Rs. 19,32,684/-
7	**Hubballi Division : Sub Work - I :** Gadag - Hotagi (SL) TSR(P)-7.600 Tkm. **Sub Work - II :** Gadag - Hotagi : Through sleeper renewal over major / important bridges No's 84,85,76,15,17,18,23 & 38 in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Vijayapura Jurisdiction. **Sub Work - III :** Renewal of switch and crossings in Kudgi yard in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Vijayapura Jurisdiction. **Sub Work - IV :** Gadag - Hotagi : TRR(P) - 4.700 Tkm.	Rs. 4,05,52,188/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 03-10-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
PUB/410/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination, Hubballi**
South Western Railway - SWR southwesternrailway_swr SWRRLY southwesternrailway SWRRLY

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT, SHIVAMOGGA.
PHONE: 08182 – 226268 FAX: 277082, E-mail: ka.shivamogga.dudc@gmail.com
NO.SMGDC.DUDC/PLAN/15/89862/2022 DATE : 09.09.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(1) Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Shivamogga invites tenders from the eligible Tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the table below. Two tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (3) Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. (4) Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, DUDC, DC office, Shivamogga during working hours. (5) Head of account: Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality)-4
(1) Date from which tender document can be downloaded : **09.09.2024** (2) Pre-bid meeting (Venue-DUDC office) : **17.09.2024, 11.00 AM** (3) Last date & Time for receipt of tenders : **23.09.2024 5.30 PM** (4) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid : **25.09.2024, 11.00 AM** (5) Date & Time for opening of Financial bid : **30.09.2024, 11.00 AM or Later**

Sl No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	E.M.D. (Rs.in Lakhs)	Period of completion
1	**Construction of Building and other works for the urban local Body TP Holehonnur Limits under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project. (DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT18520)**	**24.20 (Excluding GST)**	**0.50**	**6 Months**
2	**Construction of Building Lighting and Park for the urban local Body TP Thirthahalli Limits under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project (DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT17863)**	**78.19 (Excluding GST)**	**1.56**	**9 Months**
3	**Construction of Building and other works for the urban local Body TP Anavatti Limits under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project. (DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT18453)**	**64.54 (Excluding GST)**	**1.29**	**9 Months**
4	**Construction of Building and other works for the urban local Body TMC Shikaripura Limits under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project. (DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT16212)**	**82.14 (Excluding GST)**	**1.64**	**9 Months**

Change in calendar of events (if any) will be published in-kpp portal only. Paper notification will not be given.

DIPR/SMG/No.40-09 zenkar/2024-25 **sd/- Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Shivamogga District.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client intends to purchase property described in the schedule given below and referred to as schedule property from **M/s. Sparsh Infra,** Represented by its partner **Smt. Shruthi Jain,** having its office at No.2, 1st Floor, Pandit Pattabhi Ramaiah Street, R V Road, Bengaluru-560004, which is the absolute owner.

Any persons who other than the owner named above having any claim/s in respect of the schedule property or any objects to the aforesaid transaction in any manner is/are required to forward the same to the undersigned along with the relevant documents thereof, within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims or objections within the above said period it shall be deemed that there are no claims or objections or that they have been waived and my client will proceed with the transaction of schedule property without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential converted Vacant **Site No.12, bearing Katha No.171/12,** New Property No. **150200101300100045,** in the layout known as **"A N ELITE GARDEN",** measuring: **East to West: 40 Feet (12.192 Meters) and North to South: 60 Feet (18.288 Meters),** totally measuring **2400 SFT (222.97 Sq. Meters),** formed in converted Sy No.33/2, vide conversion order No.BDS/ALN/SR(A) 315/2004-05, Dated:12-11-2004 passed by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru, which layout approved by the BMRDA Vide sanction Letter bearing No. BMRDA/LAO/2/2005-2006 Dated: 28-04-2005, situated at: Kammasandra Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.13 **West by :** Site No.11 **North by :** Road **South by :** Road

Sd/- Lokesh Reddy M, Advocate,
Off at.1st Floor, Rajappa Reddy Building, Neraluru Gate, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107 **Cont. No. 90609 44344**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 08-SNT-MYS-2024
Dated : 04-09-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Provision of Telecom arrangements and video conference facilities at new CPM/GSU/Office/ Mysuru	Rs. 40,84,588/-
2	Interlocking of manned LC No. 51 at Km-56/200-300 and LC No. 52 at Km 57/000-100 between Nanjangud Town - Chamarajanagar over Mysuru Division.	Rs. 1,36,00,968.65
3	S & T work in connection with the work of Extension of PF 1 to 530m, 180 sqms of low-cost PF shelter, resurfacing of existing PF surface, water pedestals and seating arrangement at Challakere.	Rs. 42,78,143.48
4	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Integrated Passenger Information System of Annaie Make at Mysuru, Davanagere, Shivamogga, Arsikere, Bhadravati, Subramanya Road, Birur, Harihar and Haveri of Mysuru Division for Two Years.	Rs. 74,78,664/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 Hrs on 26-09-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Mysuru
PUB/408/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr.DASARI MADHUSUDHANARAO,** Aged about 46 Years, S/o.Mr.Venkatasubbaiah, Residing at: Plot No.P-5,S.V.Meadows, 29th Cross,Kaggadasapura,Bangalore-560093,has enter in to a sale agreement with its owner **Mr.K.C.BEERAPPA,** Aged about 57 Years, S/o Mr.Chikkaramaiah, Residing at: No.12, 7th Cross, 2nd Block, Akshaya Nagar, Near Shani Mahathma Temple, Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, in respect of the schedule property which is more fully described in the schedule given below. If any persons claiming or objections or rights with regard to the Schedule Property they are required to send the same with documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this Public Notice hereof my client shall be at liberty to proceed with the sale deed if there is no any claims or objection in the regard to the Schedule Property within the stipulated time.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Site No.9,** Khatha No.140/2/43, Property No.43, Situated at **Kowdenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** Now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.26, Measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **30 feet** in total Measuring **1200 Square feet,** together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:-

East by : Site No.5, West by : Road, North by : Site No.10, South by : Site No.8,

T. RAMESH KUMAR
MANJULA RAMESH, Advocates
No.1, Alisa Arcade, Near Vijaya Bank, Old Madras Road, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Phone : 9845601026
Place : Bengaluru Date : 10-09-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to enter into a Lease Agreement/Deed in respect of the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule provided below (hereinafter referred to as the "**Schedule Property**") with the owner, Mr. Chikka Bailappa, son of Mr. Bailappa, residing at No. 169, Bhairaveshwara Nilaya, Lakshmipura, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560097.

All persons with claims or interests in the Schedule Property must submit their claims in writing, along with supporting documents, to the undersigned at the address below within **15 days** from the date of this notice. Failure to do so will result in the waiver of such claims, and our client will proceed with the Lease Agreement/Deed on the assumption that no claims exist.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the land being a portion of Survey No. 172 (previously 66/P16, formerly No. 66), measuring 36,000 square feet out of 70,785 square feet or 1 acre 25 guntas, situated at Kugonahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded as follows:

East by : Remaining portion of the same Survey No. 172, belongs to Mr. Chikka Bailappa.
West by : A portion of land bearing Sy. 66, belongs to Mrs. Channamma,
North by : Remaining portion of the same Survey No. 172 belongs to Mr. Chikka Bailappa.
South by : National Highway-207 Satellite Town Ring Road)

Date:11.09.2024, Place: Bengaluru

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झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग,कार्य प्रमण्डल,चतरा

ई– अतिअल्पकालीन् पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई–निविदा संख्या– 05/RII/2024-25/RWD/CHATRA दिनांक– 09.09.2024

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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1	RWD/ CHATRA/30/ 2024-25	मयूरहण्ड प्रखण्ड के मंझगांवा पंचायत में पी॰डब्ल्यू॰डी॰ रोड महेशा से आर॰ई॰ओ॰ रोड तिलरा तक पथ का निर्माण कार्य (लं॰– 2.625 कि॰मी॰)।	295.355	दो करोड़ पन्चानबे लाख पैंतीस हजार पाँच सौ मात्र	15 माह	तृतीय

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :– 13.09.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– 20.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 23.09.2024 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
5. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा, द्वितीय तल, विकास भवन, चतरा।
6. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या :– 06541-296208

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PR 335219 Rural Work Department(24-25).D

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State mulls over challenging denial of Central funds for Upper Bhadra project in SC

The Centre had announced ₹5,300 crore for the project in the Budget for 2023-24, but the money is yet to be released

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Centre is dilly-dallying over the release of ₹5,300 crore to the State for implementing the Upper Bhadra project, which was announced in the Union Budget for 2023-24, the State government is contemplating moving the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre for release of funds.

On Tuesday, Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism H.K. Patil said the Centre had been denying funds for the Upper Bhadra project, though it was announced in the Budget by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman before the 2023 State Assembly elections.

A file photo of a canal built as part of the Upper Bhadra project.

Cabinet to discuss

"The State government is seriously considering filing a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the denial of funds for the project. A final decision will be taken in the next Cabinet meeting," Mr. Patil said.

After waiting for several months earlier this year, the State government dragged the Union government to the Supreme Court seeking release of financial aid for drought relief. Following the court's directions, the Centre released funds to Karnataka.

Mr. Patil said the Centre's decision to deny funds was against the spirit of federalism and a people-oriented project aimed at catering to the water needs of drought-prone areas.

The Minister released letters written by Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department of Karnataka to Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, seeking release of funds for the project.

In her rely on September 5, 2024, Ms. Mukherjee said, "Approval for inclusion of a project for partial financial assistance under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry requires compilation of updated financial details for the project, including the expenditure made, balance cost and the updated eligible Central assistance based on the balance cost... Decision regarding inclusion of the project depends on the available funds, geographic distribution under the scheme, priority under the scheme, etc."

Mr. Patil said the Centre had already provided requisite clearances for the project and requested the Narendra Modi-led government to release funds under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) Scheme/National Project for early completion of the work.

Intent of scheme

The Upper Bhadra project was envisaged to irrigate 2,25,515 hectares by micro irrigation in drought-prone districts of Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, and Davangere and recharge the groundwater table. It aims to provide drinking water by filling 367 tanks in drought-prone taluks of the four districts.

Warn Ministers laying claim to CM's post, Congress leaders ask Kharge, Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This comes a day after two MLCs sought disciplinary action against Ministers for speaking out in public on the issue

Amid Chief Minister Siddaramaiah facing a legal battle in the High Court of Karnataka in the alleged MUDA scam and several senior Ministers and legislators aspiring the chief ministerial post sensing potential change of leadership, a dozen State Congress leaders have urged AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to warn senior leaders and Ministers not to issue damaging statements in the interest of the Congress and the State.

The signatories

Leaders including V.S. Ugrappa, B.L. Shankar, V.R. Sudarshan, H.M. Revanna, B.N. Chandrappa, L. Hanumanthaiah, Prakash Rathod, P.R. Ramesh, and C.S. Dwarakanath in a letter to the two central leaders on Tuesday said that "more than six leaders, including senior Ministers, are issuing statements claiming the post of Chief Minister instead of fighting against the BJP and the JD (S). Due to this many of our leaders and workers are getting demoralised and losing their hope in the government and the party".

They said, "... people of Karnataka are slowly losing their faith and confidence in our party and government, because of infighting and reckless statements of our leaders".

Administration hit

Former MLCs and former MPs said, "The State government's administration too has been hampered to a great extent." They appealed to Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi to issue a statement warning leaders not to issue statements that damage the image of the party and the government in the State.

On Monday, MLCs Dinesh Gooli Gowda and Manjunath Bhandary, who are considered loyalists of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, sought disciplinary action against Ministers for speaking out in public.

Form special task force to act against terrorists, says Ashok

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok has urged the government to constitute a special task force to tackle terrorist activities in the wake of the claim in an NIA chargesheet that terrorists had plotted to plant explosive devices in the BJP State office before planting one at The Rameshwaram Cafe here.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru on Tuesday, Mr. Ashok maintained that there was a dire need for the Home Department to constitute such a task force as terrorism activities were on the raise in the State.

He alleged that terrorists had conspired to create a fear psychosis in Bengaluru, which is the country's IT and biotechnology capital as part of efforts to crush the growing economy.

Nearly 48% of registrations under Hindu Marriage Act done online in seven months

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

In just about seven months after the launch of the online marriage registration facility, nearly 48% of the registrations under The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, in the State have been done online. While online registration in a number of districts outstripped the offline registration at sub-registrar's offices, in some districts offline registration continues to remain popular.

The online facility to make registration of marriages easier, based on Aadhaar authentication, was introduced in February. Since then, as many as 33,059 marriages out of the total 69,456 registered under the Hindu Marriage Act in Karnataka were done online, according to data from the office of the Inspector-General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps. Aadhaar authentication is used to make the process robust and prevent identity impersonation and fraudulent registration as per Rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation Knowledge) Rules, 2020, under the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

Registrations: The progress so far

Type	Offline	Online	Total
The Hindu Marriage Act	36,427	33,059	69,486
The Special Marriage Act	2,905	-	2,905
Special Marriages of other form	2,946	466	3,412

The online facility to make registration of marriages easier, based on Aadhaar authentication, was introduced in Feb.

For marriages to be registered under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, the application process has been made online. But, the couple will have to visit the sub-registrar's office to register the marriage. As many as 2,905 marriages were registered under the Special Marriages Act in the same period.

Of the total 3,412 special marriages of other forms (delayed registration of marriage), 466 were done online during the period.

In all, 75,803 marriages were registered in Karnataka between February and August, of which 33,525 were registered online.

In Bengaluru

In Bengaluru, the online registration of marriages under The Hindu Marriage Act outnumbered the marriage registration in the sub-registrar's office. Of the total 10,063 marriages registered across five registration districts of Basavanagudi, Gandhinagar, Jayanagar, Rajajinagar, and Shivajinagar, 7,434 were registered online.

However, in some districts, adoption of online marriage registration has been slow. For example, in Belagavi district, which registered 9,652 marriages after the launch of the facility, just about 1,189 were registered online. Haveri and Dharwad districts have also reported higher offline registration than online registration.

The Supreme Court mandated registration of marriage in 2006. About 1.6 lakh marriages were registered in 2021-22 and 2.04 lakh marriages were registered in 2022-23.

Revenue Department sources said the facility was introduced to provide ease of registering marriage without physically visiting the sub-registrar's offices. This was seen as a measure to encourage people to register their marriages as just about 30% of marriages in Karnataka get registered, sources said.

Acknowledging that in some areas adoption of the facility has not been good, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told *The Hindu*: "Though good numbers have come in, I am still not satisfied. While we have made it simpler for registration, people are still not coming forward to register. Having a legal document gives protection, especially for women. There is also a lack of awareness about online availability of the facility. We have to work to improve on awareness."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client is intending to purchase the Property bearing Sy.No.50/1A measuring an extent of 00-02.68 guntas(3060 sq.ft) of Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written from Mr.Kunku Srinivas S/o K.Venakteshwar Rao Chowdary, residing at #128, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, G.D.Park Extension, Vayalikaval, Bengaluru North, Karnataka-560003.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, claim, demand or estate interest in respect of the Schedule Property or to any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, let, lease, lien, charge, maintenance. License, gift, inheritance, share, possession, easement, Trust, bequest possession, assignment or encumbrance of whatsoever nature or otherwise are hereby called upon to intimate to the undersigned in writing (by RPAD only) at the address mentioned below of any such claim accompanied with all relevant documents within Fifteen (15) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims and that claims, if any, have been waived off and my client will proceed with purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.50/1A measuring an extent of 00-02.68 guntas(3060 sq.ft) of Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, and bounded on the

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No: EE/RI/K-100/TEND/01/2024-25 **Date: 10-09-2024**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - K100 Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites proposals for the Work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Consultancy Service for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), TDR Works including Architectural 3D Conceptual Plan for the work of **1)** Protection, Improvement of Rajakaluve / Buffer Zone including Formation of Kerekodi Road from V Legacy Road to R.R. Nagara Arch. **2)** Protection, Improvement of Rajakaluve / Buffer Zone including Formation of Service Road from Nayandahalli Circle to V Legacy Road. For a total length of 5.20 Km in BBMP, R.R. Nagara Zone Limit. **EMD Amount (in Rs.): 50,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 12-09-2024. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **17-09-2024 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - K100 Division, Room No. 106, 1st Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 3)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders on **26-09-2024 upto 16.00 Hours. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - K100 Division on 27-09-2024 at 16.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Road Infrastructure - K100 Division, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

No: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-03/2024-25 **Date: 10-09-2024**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Single Cover Tender) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of Works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
Pothole Filling Works under Maintenance Works in below Wards for the year 2024-25 in Bommanahall Division.	
1	Ward No. 213, Jaraganahalli. **(Others)**
2	Ward No. 214, Puttenahalli. **(Others)**
3	Ward No. 215, Bilekahalli. **(Others)**
4	Ward No. 216, Hulimavu. **(Others)**
5	Ward No. 217, Kodichikkanahalli. **(Others)**
6	Ward No. 218, Bommanahalli. **(SC)**
7	Ward No. 219, Hongasandra. **(ST)**
8	Ward No. 220, Gharebhavipalya. **(SC)**
9	Ward No. 224, Hosa Road. **(Others)**
10	Ward No. 221, HSR Layout. **(Others)**
11	Ward No. 222, Ibbluru. **(SC)**
12	Ward No. 223, Mangammanapalya. **(Others)**

For Sl.No. 1 to 12 Approximate Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 15.00 per each
For Sl.No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 & 12 EMD Amount (in Rs.): 37,500/- per each and Sl.No. 6, 7, 8 & 11 EMD Amount (in Rs.): 18,750/- per each

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP.

Demand to put off PSI recruitment exam: Minister to consult KEA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Home Minister G. Parameshwara has said he will take a call on the demand for postponing exam for the recruitment of police sub-inspectors (PSIs) scheduled for September 22 after consulting the Karnataka Examinations Authority and officials concerned.

Speaking to pressperson after receiving a petition from a BJP delegation, led by former Deputy Chief Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, which sought the postponement of the PSI recruitment exam on the grounds that the UPSC main exam too had been scheduled on the same day, the Home Minister said he would try to find a solution to the problem.

Dr. Parameshwara noted that the BJP leaders had brought to his notice that about 100 candidates who were writing the PSI recruitment exam had also qualified to write the UPSC mains exam. But the KEA was unlikely to schedule the PSI exam within the next six months, if postponed, now as the coming months had some other exams, he pointed out.

At the same time, Police Department's work was getting hampered owing to a shortage of about 1,000 PSIs as vacancies had not been filled in the last four years, he noted. Even if the exam was held to recruit new PSIs, it would take time for them to join service as they would have to undergo a 10-month training, he said. Later they would have to complete the two-year probationary service period too, he said.

Pointing out that exam was being held to fill 402 posts of PSI now, he said the government was also planning to recruit another 600 PSIs by conducting an exam in the second phase.

'State's commitment to building robust ecosystem unwavering'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka's commitment to fostering a robust ecosystem for business is unwavering, and the State is constantly working towards creating an environment that is conducive to growth and success, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said at the Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday while addressing a business delegation from the U.S.

Speaking at a roundtable with members of the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) delegation, the Chief Minister said his government was deeply committed to fostering an environment that nurtured innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable growth. "Whether it's in the field of information technology, biotechnology, aerospace, or any other sector, we are ready to collaborate and co-create solutions that can address global challenges," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with a U.S. delegate at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. ANI

The high-profile roundtable saw participation from leading U.S. business leaders and government officials, who engaged in discussions on strengthening collaboration in sectors such as technology, innovation, trade, and infrastructure. It was also attended by senior officials from a range of key departments of the Government of Karnataka. The talks focused on strengthening collaborations between Karnataka and U.S.-based firms.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

Dr K Aswathappa
01-06-1946 to 01-09-2024
Fondly remembered by
Family, Students and Wellwishers

Taste of India: How Bengaluru-born Amrut became an international success story

Amrut: The Great Churn tells the story of how India's very first single malt came into being, going back to 1948 when J.N. Radhakrishna Jagdale set up Amrut Laboratories in Bengaluru

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

August, 2009. Independent whisky expert Jim Murray finds himself in an armchair, contemplating a tulip glass filled with Amrut Fusion. He appears to be rather taken by its flavour and aroma and is incredulous that the whisky originated in India, as described in the first chapter of *Amrut: The Great Churn*, a new book by the Bengaluru-based author Sriram Devatha.

This discovery led to an epic moment in the brand's history. *Amrut Fusion* soon made its way into the 2010 edition of Murray's Whisky Bible, often touted as the world's leading whisky guide. The book then travels a few months back to the cool January morning that same year when this single malt whisky was alchemised, in a bar in Ooty by the late Neelakanta Rao Jagdale (NRJ).

Amrut Fusion, a vatting of 25% Scottish peated barley and 75% unpeated Indian barley, "a bottled symphony of India and Scotland," became the blend "that would alter Amrut's fate," writes Devatha. "From Britain to India and back, the exchange of whisky had come full circle."

Amrut Fusion made its way into the 2010 edition of the Whisky Bible.

Packaging unit of Amrut Whisky.

Born in Bengaluru

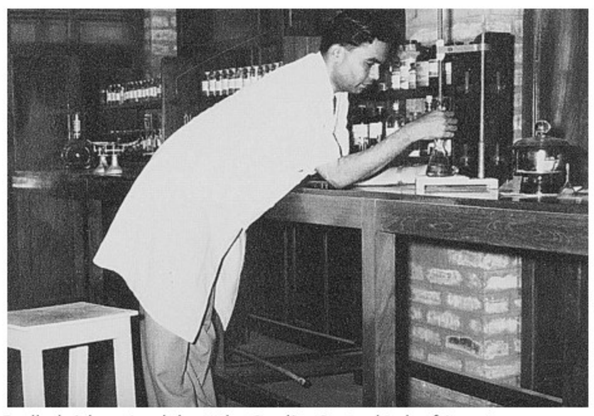
Amrut: The Great Churn tells the story of how India's very first single malt came into being, going back to 1948 when J.N. Radhakrishna Jagdale (JNR) set up Amrut Laboratories in Bengaluru to manufacture alcohol for his pharmaceutical company, Associated Drug Company. It then recounts the important events that mark the history of the company: its decision to make rum for the armed forces, its foray into malted whisky, JNR's untimely demise and the entry of his second son, NRJ, into the business, the global expansion of the business and the personal histories of some of the people behind Amrut.

In the book, Devatha also tries to capture the grit of the family behind Amrut, the Jagdales. "What is inspiring is how this family-run firm with limited resources decided to make an Indian malt whisky, end-to-end," he says, adding that few brands have such a clear understanding of their own identity and positioning.

"What clearly came through from the interviews was that, for NRJ, doing these cutting-edge things was the high, and profit was only a by-product. If that is your motive, you already got your reward by the time you've accomplished it," he says.

The book also delves into the history, background and current status of alcohol in Indian society. According to Devatha, even though Indian society also has a "queasy sociological bond" with alcohol, it continues to be a significant contributor to the Indian economy.

He brings up a 2018-19 Reserve Bank of India report on the budget, which reveals that the total excise duty on alcohol collected by Indian states and union territories was ₹ 1.51 trillion, and adds, "In Karnataka alone, 21% of its revenue in 2023-2024 is excise. This is also why, during COVID, the first thing that opened up was the booze shops," he says, pointing out that most states cannot function without alcohol trade. "You know what the Indian army budget is – ₹ 1.55 trillion annually," he says. "Just to give you a sense of the quantum...we collect enough tax on alcohol that can nearly cover the budget of the second largest army in the world."


Radhakrishna Jagdale at the Quality Control Lab of Amrut Distilleries during the early 1950's. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sriram Devatha

The power of stories

In the preface of this book, Devatha draws a seemingly implausible parallel between writing and creating a pitch deck. While at first glance, they "are as different as curry and custard...you will find that there is one thing common to both: good storytelling." Devatha, who in an earlier avatar worked as a senior brand manager at an edtech start-up, talks about how he discovered this interesting similitude during the pandemic. "I was there when major shifts were happening in branding, in terms of logo design, the messaging, the tonality, how the brand cohesively communicates, who is our target audience...," he says. As a result, he found himself presenting multiple pitch decks to top management at this organisation, and that's when it struck him that branding was essentially storytelling. "I realised that it was very similar to crafting a character in a novel," says Devatha, who was just about to finish his book of short stories, *Indogene: Stories of Indians Across the Globe*.

He published this book of stories and was thinking about what to write next when he encountered Sumath Karnad, a senior from his engineering days "It turned out that he was managing Social Media for Amrut, the well-known distillery," says Devatha, who realised that the story of a family business that had built this world-class brand deserved to be told. Karnad soon put Devatha in touch with the brand's head distiller, Ashok Chokalingam.

Amrut Whisky

Over the next three-odd years, Devatha immersed himself in the genesis, history, and evolution of this home-grown whisky brand, relying on multiple interviews with Amrut's top management, whisky experts, and retailers from all over the world to tell a nuanced, lucid, eminently readable story of this Bengaluru-based brand. He also conducted his own secondary research – and, yes, attended many whisky-tasting sessions – to help tell this layered story of Amrut and the people behind it.

"I am writing this for the general audience...trying to bring management to the average person and make them look at entrepreneurship in a much more inspiring light," says Devatha, who will be speaking at the upcoming Bangalore Business Literature Festival on September 14. "The idea was to show what it takes to build something world-class out of India."

Entrepreneurial spirit

For Devatha, who thinks of himself as a "media and genre agnostic storyteller," *Amrut: The Great Churn* is also an ode to the country's entrepreneurial spirit. He firmly believes India is rising, "the one economic bright spot in a gloomy world." He argues that while we need the hard power of economic growth, creating varied narratives about the country on a global stage is also important. "We do have Bollywood and yoga, but surely, in a country this size and with this diverse population, there's supposed to be more," says Devatha.

In Devatha's opinion, yoga has garnered global popularity because "health is universal" as is entrepreneurship. India's start-up ecosystem – the third largest in the world – offers a rich source for inspiring stories, Amrut being one of them. "The Indian single malt is looked at as a reputed liquor now. We are no longer a country that is looked at as producing only molasses-based cheap liquor," says Devatha. He thinks of the love and recognition that the brand commands worldwide as "soft power at its best. If you have money or military strength without narratives, you're missing half the firepower you need as you move up in the world," he says.

'We aim to build strong and deep connections between India and the U.K. in the field of art and culture, education and language'

Alison Barrett, Director India, British Council, speaks about the SCOUT programme to provide opportunities for young undergraduate students

INTERVIEW

Alison Barrett

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

From key initiatives that come under the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the Karnataka Government and British Council to India-U.K. collaborations in the education sector, Alison Barrett, MBE, Director India, British Council, spoke about various issues in an interaction with *The Hindu*.

Alison Barrett

What are the key objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding signed?
We aim to build strong deep connections between India and U.K. in the fields of art and culture, education and language. We want to do that because we want young people to connect with each other, collaborate and understand each other better and through that contribute to a better world in many different ways. Our collaboration with Karnataka has been going on for many years, we have a long history, particularly in higher education, we have a strong connection.

We signed a MoU a few years ago committing us to collaborate in a number of different areas in higher education to deepen connections between institutions on a policy level and to do a range of different things that create opportunities for young people to get together.

Could you elaborate on the SCOUT programme?
This programme has been started in South India and it's an initiative that provides opportunities for young undergraduate students who would not normally have the opportunity to travel to other countries to study and it gives them the exposure to some of U.K.'s leading universities under various subjects. In Karnataka, 30 young people will be selected from State institutions by the State government based on merit and contribution to academic fields. They will have the opportunity to travel with some of the faculty members and some of the British Council staff to spend time at the universities in London.

Would there be opportunities for them to get in touch with British Council again for guidance?
Any young person who participates in a British Council programme is a British Council friend for life. We find many young people come to us and participate in one of our programmes and that connection stays with them for lifetime. We are really confident that these young people (from the SCOUT programme) will have the opportunity to collaborate with us in future. We know from research that international exposure really helps connect students to different perspectives, different thinking and skills, and different knowledge and helps them to think about the world from a global lense and bring that experience back and see how can contribute to their communities here.

Would SCOUT be an annual programme? '
It's a new model and so far, we have done it in three states - Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. I am really hoping to continue doing it annually because it is such a great opportunity for young people and a brilliant way for faculty members to see a U.K. institution and the faculty members in the U.K. to get to meet their counterparts and build strong relationships on the faculty levels also.

Would help be provided for students who might face language barriers in the U.K.?
They will have plenty of support mechanisms on the programme. It will be a big cultural difference, and we will look after them every step of the day.

How will 'English skills for youth' programme help?
It's a national partnership between the British Council and Microsoft. The aim of the programme is to provide an English component to an existing employability programme that is running nationally across rural engineering colleges. The idea is to make sure young people can polish their skills, particularly spoken English and English skills for the workplace for job seeking. That initiative will help remove some of the obstacles on the first rung of the ladder as they graduate from university.

In Karnataka, 16 universities participating. The British Council will be building the capabilities of the trainers who will work with the students.

Has there been an increase in the number of students coming to U.K. from India?
There is a huge number of students choosing the U.K. as their destination for studies. Many universities from U.K. are also coming to India. University of Southampton will be opening a campus in Greater Delhi area, and I am hopeful that more U.K. universities will be looking to open campuses across the country in the coming years. That's because in the U.K., we know that there is a huge amount we can learn from India in the areas of sustainability., renewables. In cities in South India, we can see innovative creative technology in gaming, virtual reality, creative industries and STEM subjects. There are a lot of things we can learn from each other."

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 11, 1974

Govt. to Go Ahead With Paper Mill Expansion

Bangalore, Sept. 10: The Industries Minister, Mr. S.M. Krishna, told the Legislative Council, today that the Government would do everything possible to ensure that the management of the Mysore Paper Mills, Bhadravathi, did not change hands and that it continued to be with the State Government. Mr. Krishna also made it clear that the Government would go ahead with the Rs. 33 crore expansion programme of the mills.

The Minister was replying to a discussion raised by Mr. H.T. Reddy (Cong), who expressed concern over a report that Jalans were trying to get controlling interest in the company and were also trying to block its expansion project because it might hit their interests.

Threat to Karnataka Opposition Leader Alleged

Bangalore, Sept. 10: An adjournment motion seeking to raise a discussion on the alleged threat and use of abusive language by the brother of the Karnataka Chief Minister against the Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly was disallowed in the Karnataka Legislative Council today by the Chairman, Mr. M.V. Venkatappa.

The adjournment motion was tabled by three members, including the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde. The Opposition charge was that this morning Mr. Kemparaj Urs, brother of the Chief Minister, had telephoned the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Mr. Deve Gowda and used offensive language.

Home is where the art is

Mumbai-based Baro Art is bringing the Affordable Indian Art Show to Bengaluru this weekend

Ruth Dhanaraj

While there seems to be an art exhibition in Bengaluru every other week, it is obvious as to what makes the Affordable Art Show stand out. True to its name, the event features original works by artists from around the country ranging from ₹2000 upwards.

"Baro Art is based on the democratisation of art, something I believe strongly in," says Srila Chatterjee, founder of Baro Art. "For too long, art has been thought of as the purview of the privileged and priced exorbitantly in a country that abounds in art and has had art forms dating back centuries,"

"In modern day India, a handful of artists are shown in galleries that are frequented by a few. The plan for this show is to get people to enjoy, love and develop a feel for art. They should not think of it as something that sports a price tag or a signature, but to primarily understand what it does to you."

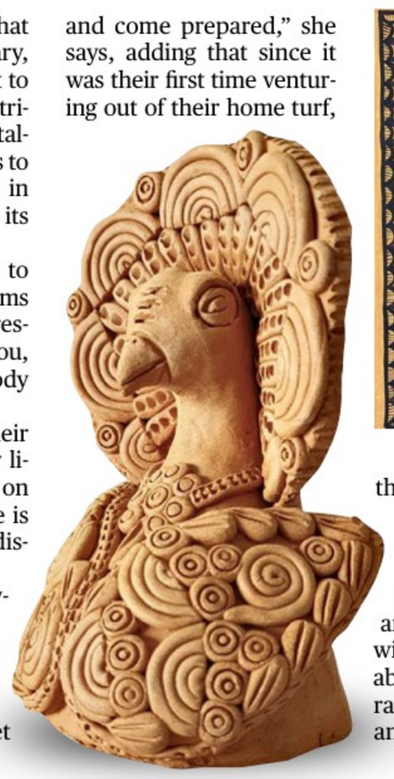
Baro began in 2016 as a store in Mumbai co-founded by Srila where she would display works of art; in 2020, she floated Baro Market, an online portal which showcased their ever-growing collection.

This is the first time the firm is hosting an exhibition outside Mumbai and in a bid to make it welcoming to people of all tastes, Srila says they have "mixed it up" with exhibits that range from contemporary, modern and graphic art to vintage, traditional and tribal works as well as installations. The show comes to Bengaluru after a stop in Hyderabad, Delhi is its next port of call.

Srila says the aim is to expose visitors to all forms of art and "how you respond to it is based on you, and not on what anybody else tells you to like."

In keeping with their motto, while the upper limit of prices for the art on display is ₹3 lakh, there is no cap on the works displayed on their website.

"We don't want viewers to feel intimidated. This way, everybody dropping in knows they can pick something within their budget and come prepared," she says, adding that since it was their first time venturing out of their home turf, they are still working out the logistics of travelling to other cities.



Srila hopes that with time as they work with artists and collaborate with galleries, they will be able to present a wider range of offerings so anyone who is looking could find something they woud like.

"We are celebrating every kind of Indian art possible. But by experiencing it firsthand you decide whether you can afford it or aspire towards it and you then save towards that goal."

All the works are originals and have been certified. Visitors to the show will be aided by the team, who will not only provide information on the artists, but will also help potential buyers by, "helping you after looking at photographs of your home and suggesting what might look nice there."

Srila admits that while their website is interactive and has seen a lot of traction, there is nothing like experiencing art in person.

"It holds a place in your heart and over time, a painting becomes a part of your life. While you may grow out of it, most of the time, it just takes on a different persona based on where you choose to put it."

"I believe most people, especially post-COVID, are much more conscious of their homes and want to live in a space that celebrates them, a place where they feel happy and comfortable," says Srila.

Apart from over 500 works of art by as many as 50 artists such as Prashant Miranda, Vikalp Mishra, Anita Alvares and Ashish Malakar among others, Tibetan Buddhist paintings known as Thangka from the Leh-based Ladakh Art Palace will also be on display.

There will be a Baro Market pop-up at the venue with decor, apparel and craftwork fashioned by artisans from across the country.

The Affordable Indian Art Show will be held at Bangalore International Centre, from September 13-15. Entry free.

Pick, choose and cherish Srila Chatterjee and some of the pieces from the upcoming Affordable Art Show. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Going beyond presentation

Shilpa Anandraj

Sri Sri Radha Madhava Classical Fine Arts Cultural Society (SRMFACS) presents the second edition of Shri Radha Ashtami fine Arts Cultural Festival. The festival is a homage to Radha," says founder of SRMFACS, Ashish Kumar. "Radha is the central figure in Indian spirituality, and a revered goddess. She is worshipped as Krishna's eternal consort and is the embodiment of divine love, compassion."

Radha's role, Ashish says goes beyond this. "She is the personification of the highest form of devotion and bhakti. Her love for Krishna is the source from which all devotion flows." This way, Ashish says, the festival goes beyond celebrating the arts and helps people connect with the deeper, spiritual aspects of performing arts.

This year's edition, Ashish says, will feature Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak, Yakshagana and Bhagavad Gita recitation. "The aim SRMFACS was to recognise and encourage the many talented children who excel in the performing arts. We wanted to create a platform that brings together child prodigies and senior artistes on special occasions like Krishna Janmashtami, Radha Ashtami and Karthik Deepotsavam."

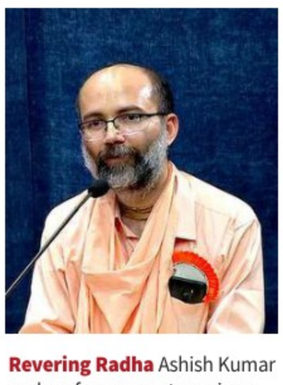
Promoting Indian traditional classical fine art forms with harikatha and Sanskrit discourses by organising festivals is also something SRMFACS is committed to. "This will encourage building networks between artistes from different classical art genres. It is important to promote Indian classical dance and music in today's world where everything is moving at a fast pace."

Dance and music, Ashish says, are a direct link to one's cultural, historical and spiritual heritage. "They are living expressions of our culture. Classical arts offer depth and meaning in a world that sometimes feels superficial and disconnected. The art forms have an incredible power to invoke emotions and bring people together in a shared experience of spirituality and beauty."

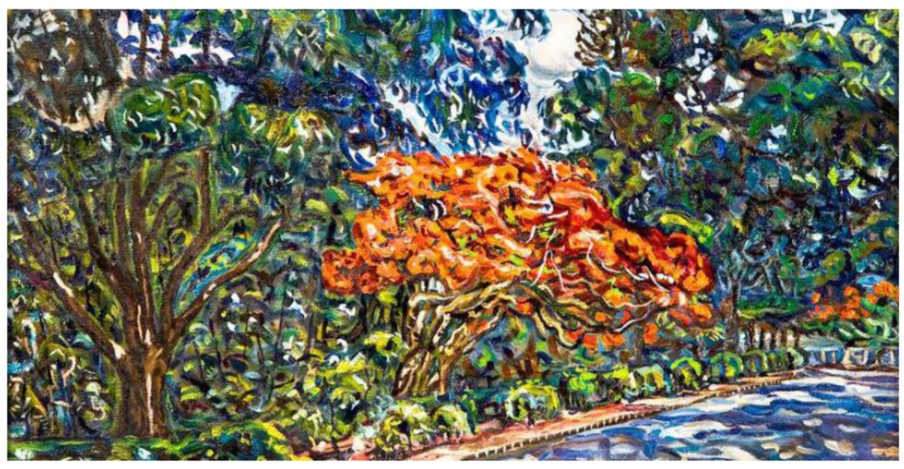
Ashish lives in the US, and he says, organising a festival such as this, is challenging yet rewarding. "I am amazed at how smoothly it has all come together. The volunteer team, comprising mostly artistes and their parents, play a significant role in managing various aspects of the festival."

The festival will feature a 75-minute live performance by dancer, Rukmini Vijaykumar, Yakshagana by Yakshadegula (students of Priyanka K Mohan), a Kathak performance by Amita Mathur, Bhagavad Gita recitation by eight-year-old Nidhi, who according to Ashish memorised the entire Bhagavad Gita at the age of 7."

The Shri Radha Ashtami fine Arts Cultural Festival will be held from September 11 to 13, at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram, from 9am to 9pm. Entry is free.



Revering Radha Ashish Kumar and performaces at previous festivals. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Spotlight on Rumale

Praveen Sudevan

Rumale Channabasavaiah, often hailed as the 'Van Gogh of Karnataka,' shares a striking resemblance to the Dutch master in his use of vibrant, swirling colours. His landscapes, like Van Gogh's, are characterised by movement and energy, creating a dynamism that draws the viewer in. His final painting was completed on January 27, 1988 (when he was 78) at the RBI in Sadashivnagar. The following day, Rumale was struck by a speeding bus and succumbed to injuries shortly after.

Rumale left behind a rich legacy of paintings that celebrate Bengaluru. His depictions of the city's botanical beauty not only evoke nostalgia among locals but also serve as a gentle reminder of the importance of nurturing its natural heritage. His works shed light on the detrimental effects of modernisation on disappearing landscapes and landmarks.

Tribute to Karnataka's Van Gogh The upcoming edition of Art Park celebrates Rumale (below) and his legacy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A deeply spiritual individual, Rumale Channabasavaiah was a staunch advocate for India's independence. He was imprisoned multiple times by the British during the 1930s, survived the Viduraswatha firing, and was a fellow prisoner with Jawaharlal Nehru at Visapur jail.

To celebrate his 114th birth anniversary (September 15), artists from Karnataka will come together at the Rumale Art Gallery in Rajajinagar. This event also marks the 79th edition of Art Park, an initiative by noted artist SG Vasudev that aims to bring art closer to the masses.

"Sanjay Kabe, Rumale's foster son, is our great friend and a huge supporter of our Art Park programs. A few months ago, he wished to celebrate Rumale's 114th birthday in September. We thought, 'Why not organise an Art Park tribute?' Rumale's contributions to the art world in Karnataka are truly significant and the artist community needs to honour his legacy," says Vasudev.

"Before I became a professional painter, I sent a cartoon of Laurel and Hardy to *Tainadu*, a Kannada newspaper. Rumale who was the editor then was impressed by my work and encouraged me to pursue art," he recalls.

Years later, while studying in Chennai, Vasudev reconnected with Rumale through his teacher, KCS Paniker. Rumale's generosity and support left a lasting impression on him.

CITYBEATS

Dance the body

SEPTEMBER 13
This weekend, shake a leg at the September edition of the Jackfruit Dance Party series. The evening will feature an artistic line up featuring Rishi Sippy, Twokid Wickid and Majestic 88. Interested participants can also look forward to a discount on tickets.
For further details and tickets visit Insider.in. or call 8657896572 / 73.
At Indiranagar SOCIAL, 7pm onwards

Sing along

SEPTEMBER 15
Akshath Acharya, the singer of the hit song 'Nadaaniyan,' will be performing in Bengaluru. The 23-year-old singer's popularity rose following his viral performances on social media.
Tickets for the show are available on https://www.skillboxes.com/events/social-slct-presents-akshath-live-for-delhi
At Koramangala SOCIAL, from 8pm onwards

Choco loco

SEPTEMBER 13
Be a part of the International Chocolate Day celebrations with this special menu that showcases an assortment of chocolate delights such as flourless chocolate fudge paired with homemade Pollachi vanilla ice cream, Smoke House tiramisu and hazelnut mousse flan, apart from vegan options.
Across all Smoke House Deli outlets, from 9am to 12.30am.

CM sets up ministerial panel to take stock of progress of probes into various 'scams'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

In what seems to be a move by the Karnataka government to put the Opposition BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) in a bind, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday set up a committee of Ministers, headed by Home Minister G. Parameshwara, to take stock of the progress made in the investigations into various scams and irregularities in the past, that are pending with the investigating agencies. He has asked the committee to submit its findings within two months.

While the Chief Minister's communique said that the five-member ministerial committee would assess the progress achieved by the investigating agencies, it did not mention the time duration in which such scams or investigations have taken place. The committee comprises Ministers H.K. Patil, Krishna Byre Gowda, Santhosh Lad, and Priyank Kharge, besides Mr. Parameshwara.

It was also not clear whether the committee would look into scams or allegations of scams that were made out during particularly the previous BJP government. The communique was not clear if it would include the scam in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Welfare Corporation and allegation of irregularities in site distribution by MUDA, which have unfolded during the present regime.

Among the big investigations that have been taken up include the ones into bitcoin scam by the SIT, H.N. Nagmohan Das Commission into allegations of 40% commission and other irregularities in the BBMP, ₹47 crore scam at D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal Corporation and the commission headed by retired judge John Michael D'Cunha probing irregularities in management of COVID-19, all of which pertain to the previous BJP rule. The Congress had alleged that as many as 21 scams had taken places during the five years of the BJP regime.

While the longest serving Lokayukta SIT handling illegal mining cases are still going on, the D. Kempanna Commission's report on allegations of irregularities in denotification in Arkavathy Layout during the first tenure of Mr. Siddaramaiah is yet to be released.

Govt. 'alarmingly lethargic' on Hema panel report: HC

Slamming Kerala for not taking action for four years on report, the court directs it to hand over the entire report to SIT and file an action-taken report; asks media not to pressure probe officers

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Demanding justice: Mahila Congress activists protesting in Thiruvananthapuram seeking action on the Hema panel report. PTI

Slamming the State government for not taking any action for four years on the K. Hema Committee report on the problems faced by women in the Malayalam film industry, the Kerala High Court on Tuesday directed it to give the entire report to the special investigation team (SIT) and file an action-taken report before the court.

A Bench of Justices A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar and C.S. Sudha passed the directive when a few public interest litigation petitions filed in connection with the committee's report came up for hearing.

"Although the report of the Justice Hema Committee was submitted to the State government as early as on 31.12.2019, there was no action taken there on for well over four years, and even thereafter, it took litigation to spur the State into action, and that too only in respect of one of the many issues that were flagged by the Justice Hema Committee. While it may be a fact that the Committee was only in the nature of a fact-finding body for the State government, when we consider the public money spent for the effective functioning of the committee, and the high-profile nature of the committee itself, headed as it was by a retired Judge of the High Court, we are of the view that the bare minimum that was expected of the government was to take a prompt decision as whether or not it agreed with the findings of the committee. Apparently, this was not done," the court said.

The Bench directed the SIT to go through the report and see whether any offence, cognisable or otherwise, has been made out at the instance of any person and proceed to take suitable action in accordance with the law by treating the contents of the report as "information" for the purposes of setting the law in motion. The SIT should then forward a report, on the action taken by it, to the State government within two weeks and upon receipt thereof the State should file a copy of the action taken report before the court.

The court observed that "we are rather perplexed" by the inaction of the State government. The State has necessarily "to see the problems faced by women as problems affecting a majority of the literate people in the State." The court further observed that the conduct of the State government has been alarmingly lethargic."

The court added: "Silence and inaction not being options available to the State government any more, we are of the definitive view that the State government must take immediate steps to address the various issues generally faced by women in our society, including those faced by women in connection with their respective vocations".

The court pointed out that Article 51A (e) of the Constitution made it the duty of every citizen to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women. The State cannot afford to remain a mute spectator to the social and economic injustice that is meted out to women in general, who constitute a significant section of its citizenry.

'No press conference'

The court also restrained the members of the SIT from giving press conferences or communicating with the media on any aspect of the investigation conducted in connection with the report of the committee.

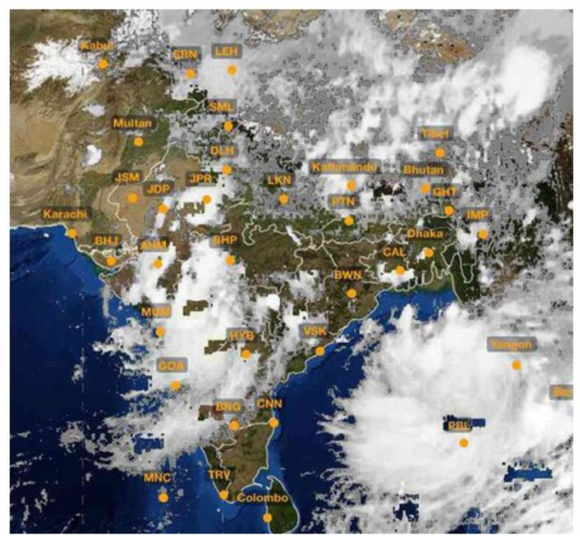
The court, however, made it clear that the restriction against giving press conferences should not be seen as preventing the investigating team from giving such information, without mentioning the names of any person, as would indicate the progress that they have made in their investigation.

The court asked the print, electronic and social media to ensure that undue pressure was not applied on the investigating team and adhere to an appropriate code of conduct in the matter of publishing news governing any aspect of the committee report. The court said it did not feel any need to pass a formal order restraining the media.

The court posted the petitions for further hearing on October 3.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Konkan & Goa and Karnataka. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.5	27.0	Kozhikode	5	33.5	25.2
Ahmedabad	26.6	32.0	26.6	Kurnool	—	31.5	24.4
Aizawl	1	30.7	24.2	Lucknow	2	34.6	25.0
Allahabad	3	34.7	27.6	Madurai	—	39.4	25.7
Bengaluru	—	29.3	20.8	Mangaluru	0.6	29.6	23.8
Bhopal	12	30.8	23.2	Mumbai	10	31.5	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	33.6	26.5	Mysuru	—	30.5	20.0
Chandigarh	14	32.0	25.6	New Delhi	—	35.4	25.2
Chennai	—	36.9	27.9	Patna	—	35.0	28.6
Coimbatore	—	34.3	23.4	Port Blair	2	29.8	26.2
Dehradun	—	33.1	24.6	Puducherry	0.6	37.2	26.7
Gangtok	—	25.5	19.5	Pune	—	31.4	23.6
Goa	18	31.0	24.6	Raipur	121.8	29.0	25.5
Guwahati	—	36.0	26.9	Ranchi	30	29.0	23.1
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	1	25.3	17.3
Hyderabad	0.1	29.6	23.6	Shimla	13	25.8	18.4
Imphal	—	31.8	25.1	Srinagar	—	31.1	16.5
Jaipur	—	33.4	27.2	Thiruvananthapuram	7	31.7	24.5
Kochi	2	30.0	25.8	Tiruchi	—	38.3	27.4
Kohima	11	27.5	17.5	Vijayawada	1	33.4	26.2
Kolkata	13	34.2	26.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	26.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	10	34	23	98	86	
Bengaluru	6	24	92	47	49	
Chennai	15	2	27	41	94	
Delhi	14	69	78	130	120	
Hyderabad	18	17	22	68	80	
Kolkata	6	33	66	20	49	
Lucknow	9	8	63	44	69	
Mumbai	2	9	34	54	67	
Pune	4	20	69	26	28	
Visakhapatnam	10	36	34	78	96	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 254 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.K. NAGARAJU S/o Mr.Kuruva Lakshmanna,** is intending to Purchase the Scheduled Property from **Mrs.KAMJULA RAMA SITA W/o Mr.K.M.Reddy,** any person/s objecting for sale or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the above mentioned advocates failing which our client shall proceed and enter into Sale agreement with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant Property bearing **Site No.251,** House List Khatha No.398, New Khatha No.3264/398/251, formed out of Survey No.209, Situated at **Kithaganur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** coming under Kithaganur Gram Panchayat, Measuring East to West: **40 Feet** and North to South: **60 Feet,** in all measuring **2400 Square Feet,** and bounded on the:

East by : House Site No.252, West by : House Site No.250, North by : House Site No.240, South by : Road.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: SWRMYSSURGICAL CONSUMABLE

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Supply of all the types surgical items and consumables on day today basis for Emergency local purchase to surgical stores of Railway Hospital, Mysuru Round the Clock (24x7) for a period of two years from the date of commencement of the service	Rs. 6,50,560/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs on 04-10-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Chief Medical Superintendent
PUB/411/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Mysuru**
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
SALEM DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No. GEM/2024/B/5352417, Dated: 06.09.2024

Divisional Railway Manager/Electrical / Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites E-Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc., can be viewed / downloaded from website portal **www.gem.gov.in**.

E-Tender Notice No, Date and Name of Work	Details
1) GEM/2024/B/5352417 dt: 06.09.2024 Salem Division - Deployment of Contractural Assistants (CA) in Platform duty at Salem, Erode, Coimbatore Railway stations for the period of two years.	Approx. cost - ₹ **58,14,450/-** EMD - ₹ **1,16,289/-** Completion Period - **24 Months**
For all the works Closing Time & Date	**11.00 hrs. on 07.10.2024**
For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date	**11.30 hrs. on 07.10.2024**

All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website portal **www.gem.gov.in.** only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.
Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical) Salem - 636 005

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

CORRIGENDUM

ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–MID/CHAIBASA/SBD-01/2024-25(DMFT) जिसका PR-No- 334023 West Singhbhum (24-25)_D के माध्यम से प्रकाशित की गई थी जिसका Tender ID – 2024_WRD_92280_1 ग्रुप संख्या–4 का कंडिका संख्या–4.5(C) एवं कंडिका संख्या–APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5) को निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है।

G.S.B. Work :-	442.99 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	727.00 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	4.60 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	3.98 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	1134.5 M^3

एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)**

G.S.B. Work :-	885.98 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	1454.00 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	9.35 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	7.96M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	2269.03 M^3

अन्य सभी शर्तें पूर्ववत: रहेगी। ह०/–
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
PR 335291 West Singhbhum(24-25)#D लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

कार्यालय
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।

CORRIGENDUM

ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**MID/CHAIBASA/SBD-01/2024-25(DMFT)** जिसका **PR-No- 334023 West Singhbhum (24-25)_D** के माध्यम से प्रकाशित की गई थी जिसका **Tender ID – 2024_WRD_92262_1** ग्रुप संख्या–**2** का कंडिका संख्या–**4.5(C)** एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)** को निम्नप्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है।

G.S.B. Work :-	1074.77 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	1174.68 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	5.69 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	4.65 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	346.20 M^3

एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)**

G.S.B. Work :-	2149.54 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	2349.36 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	11.37 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	9.30 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	692.40 M^3

अन्य सभी शर्तें पूर्ववत: रहेगी। ह०/–
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।
PR 335274 West Singhbhum(24-25)D

झारखण्ड सरकार, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहरणालय भवन, पपरवाटांड,
गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड - 815301

शुद्धि पत्र

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण संख्या – 24/2024-25/RWD/EE/GIRIDIH दिनांक **03.09.2024** जिसका **PR No. – 334579 (REO)24-25** में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्नलिखित संशोधित किया जाता है। जिसके अनुरूप ही निविदा की कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित की जायेगी, जो निम्नवत् है :–

1. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– **19.09.2024** अपराह्न **05.00** बजे तक।
2. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– **21.09.2024** अपराह्न **03.30** बजे।
3. निविदा की अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। ह०/–
कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग,
PR 335287 REO (24-25)_D कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह

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लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

CORRIGENDUM

ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**MID/CHAIBASA/SBD-01/2024-25(DMFT)** जिसका **PR-No- 334023 West Singhbhum (24-25)_D** के माध्यम से प्रकाशित की गई थी जिसका **Tender ID – 2024_WRD_92273_1** ग्रुप संख्या–3 का कंडिका संख्या–**4.5(C)** एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)** को निम्नप्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है।

G.S.B. Work :-	728.90 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	1014.00 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	3.05 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	2.52 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	1128.00M^3

एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)**

G.S.B. Work :-	1457.94 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	2028.00 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	6.10 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	5.05 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	2255.29 M^3

अन्य सभी शर्तें पूर्ववत: रहेगी। ह०/–
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
PR 335295 (West Singhbhum)24-25*D लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

कार्यालय
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।

CORRIGENDUM

ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**MID/CHAIBASA/SBD-01/2024-25(DMFT)** जिसका **PR-No- 334023 West Singhbhum (24-25)_D** के माध्यम से प्रकाशित की गई थी जिसका **Tender ID – 2024_WRD_92126_1** ग्रुप संख्या–1 का कंडिका संख्या–**4.5(C)** एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)** को निम्नप्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है।

G.S.B. Work :-	953.27 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	1010.16 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	5.15 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	3.52 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	339.625 M^3

एवं कंडिका संख्या–**APPENDIX to ITB Clause (5)**

G.S.B. Work :-	1906.54 M^3
P.C.C. Work :-	2020.32 M^3
Boulder Pitching :-	10.30 M^3
R.C.C. Work :-	7.04 M^3
Boulder Masonry :-	679.25 M^3

अन्य सभी शर्तें पूर्ववत: रहेगी। ह०/–
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
PR.NO.335279 West Singhbhum(24-25):D लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. HE-11-2024-25

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Provision of grid connected roof top solar plants at railway stations, staff quarters, and LC gates over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 15,85,40,844.74
2	Provision of grid connected roof top solar plants at staff quarters, institutes, schools, community halls, clubs, ORHs etc, and 30 Nos. x 5 HP solar pump sets over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 6,46,43,618.82
3	Proposed improvements to lighting by providing 02 Nos. high mast lights at Hubballi yard (Gadag End) shunting neck under Hubballi Division.	Rs. 21,74,551/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11:00 Hrs on 03-10-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General
PUB/405/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Hubballi
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client represents that the Original Deed of Sale dated 30.06.1975, registered as Document No.1129/1975-76, pages 215-218, Volume 1873 of Book I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore, in respect of Property bearing BBMP Khata No.24/9 (PID: 75-10-24/9), Southern Portion of Property No.15, measuring **East to West 30 ft., North to South 25 ft.,** totally measuring **750 Sq.ft.,** along with residential building comprised of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor totally measuring 1500 Square feet of built up area (approximately), carved out of converted Land in Sy.No.-48, situated at **Ulsoor Civil Station, Bangalore, Presently G.No.8th Street, Jogupalya, Bangalore** has been lost/misplaced and not mortgaged/ pledged. We have also lodged a police complaint bearing **Lost Report No. 1217008/2024.**

Person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to the undersigned.

Geetha Halliyal, Advocate
TAVISA LEGAL
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email : geethahalliyal@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. M. N. V. Chandra Sekhar S/o. Sri. M. Nagaveeraiah is intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Sri. K. S. Mohan S/o. Sri. K. V. S. Easwaran, residing at No. 775/C, Annaippa Layout, Konena Agrahara, Behind Rajeshwari Theatre, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore- 560 017.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Approved residential Plot bearing No. 54, CMC Property PID No. 4988028284,Old Khaneshmari No. 2460/25/54 present CMC Assessment No. 2460/25/54, measuring East to West 40 Ft & North to South 30 Ft, total measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. in the layout know as "VASUNDHARA LAYOUT", formed in the converted land bearing Sy. No. 25, situated at Sree Ananthanagar, 3rd Phase, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by: Plot No. 67, North by :Plot No. 53, South by : Plot No. 55.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
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Bangalore, Date : 10-09-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **1.Mr.Amol Ramesh Khobare S/o. Mr. Ramesh Sambhaji Khobare 2.Mrs. Nishigandha Narsing Sontakke W/o. Mr.Amol Ramesh Khobare,** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from Mr.V.Srinivasamurthy @ Srinivasa Murthy Valiveti S/o. Mr. V. Srirama; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before 7 days from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing vacant Site No.9, BBMP Katha Sl. No.7820, House List Katha No.383, Situated at Mariyannanapalya, Dasarahalli Dhakale, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, Presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.06, and bounded on the:

East by : House Site No.10; West by : House Site No.8; North by : Road; South by : House Site No.16;

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Form No INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Before the Central Government Regional Director South East Region
3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500 068, Telangana

In the matter of Companies Act, 2013 (the Act), section 8 (1) of the Act and Rule 20 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of **M/s. Odanaadi Media Private Limited** having its registered office at Sai Samburtha ,24(S), Near Chandragiri Palace, 80ft Ser Road, 1st Stage, II Phase, Chandra layout, NA, Bangalore, Karnataka, India 560040, ...**Petitioner**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company made application to the Central Government under section 8 of the Act which is desirous of being registered under section 8, without the addition to its name of the word **"Limited"** or **"Private Limited"**, in terms of special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 12.08.2024 to enable the company for obtaining license under section 8 of the Act.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by register post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Registrar of Companies, Karnataka (Address: E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Kormangala, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka), within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Registered office address of the company- Sai Samburtha ,24(S), Near Chandragiri Palace, 80ft Ser Road, 1st Stage, II Phase, Chandra layout, NA, Bangalore, Karnataka, India - 560040.

For and on behalf of the applicant
Sd/-
Ramesh Bellamkonda
Director

Date: 10.09.2024
Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner namely, **SMT.P.N.SHAILAJA,** W/o late K.Shankariah Murthy, residing at No.547, 22nd 'A' Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.38 (CITB No.83), PID No.53-155-38, measuring East to West 55 ft and North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 2,200 Sq.ft., with a building thereon comprising of ground and first floor, having a total built-up area of 1300 Sq.ft., situated at 17th Main Road, Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore, within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.156 (Srinagar Ward) and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Property bearing CITB No.80
North by : Property bearing CITB No.82
South by : Property bearing CITB No.84

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client, R.RAMESH entered with Agreement for purchase of below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Sri. PUTTASIDDE GOWDA, S/o. Late Biligowda,** R/at No.36, 5th Cross, Muneshwaranagar, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085.

Any person/s, banks / financial Sectors / individual /authorities etc., having any claim/s, right, share or interest over the schedule property shall file his/her/their/its objections along with original documents with the undersigned within **07 DAYS** from the date of this publication.

Any objections on and after **07 days,** shall not be entertained and my client shall proceed with the transactions presuming that there are no claim/s of anyone whatsoever over the same.

SCHEDULE

WESTERN PORTION of Property **No. 106,** BBMP Katha No. 23/1 & 24/3, Old Gramatana Katha No. 23/1 & 24/3 in Sy. No.24/3 of **HOSAKEREHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk**, presently BBMP Ward No. 161 Bengaluru measuring East to West: **16+25/2 feet** and North to South: **40 feet,** with residential building consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor provided with amenities and bounded on:

East by : Eastern portion of Property No. 106 belongs to Munirathnamma,
West by : Property belongs to Lakshmaiah,
North by : Property No. 104 and 105,
South by : Road.

(A.N. Krishna), Advocate,
7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Brugual Mutt Cross Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
Bengaluru Date : 10-09-2024

Soothing salvo

The GST Council has held out hope for some relief for insurance consumers

Meeting for the second time after the 2024 general election results, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Monday sought to calm some of the rising clamour against the 18% indirect tax levy on insurance premium payments. A new Group of Ministers is being formed to urgently recommend tax changes for life and health insurance policies, with an assurance the Council would meet again in November to take a call on its report. This marks a notable shift from last month, when Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had staunchly defended the levy in Parliament, noting that States earn a large chunk of these revenues and Members of Parliament, who took on the Centre on the matter must flag it with States' Ministers as they are a party to the Council's decisions. It must be noted that a reconsideration of GST levies on insurance had come up at least three times under the Council's aegis, starting a year and a half since the GST's July 2017 launch, but the status quo was preferred each time.

What is plausibly different this time around is that the government's own have echoed the sentiment. While Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has averred that the GST levy on life insurance premium is tantamount to taxing the uncertainties of life, the BJP's now-critical allies such as the TDP and Jana Sena Party have also sought a rollback of the levies on health and life insurance. Perhaps not unrelated is the government's post-poll decision to desist from tom-tomming GST's buoyant monthly collections, perceived by many as a celebration of high levies on consumers. GST revenues just from health insurance premia rose over 54% between 2021-22 and 2023-24, yielding ₹8,262 crore last year. One hopes that any reduction in the GST on health covers considered by the Council is not selective or limited, for instance, to group policies or senior citizens or with a cap on the cover, and it is ensured they translate into real cuts in premia payments. After the COVID-19 pandemic, while awareness levels about health cover needs have risen, hospitalisation and insurance cover costs have spiked even faster. Given India's inadequate public health systems, a serious disease or malaise afflicting a single family member can push an average household into poverty. For life covers, the Council could take a more nuanced approach by extending most relief to pure term insurance policies that help families tide over shocks, rather than to myriad market-linked investment products offered by the industry in the guise of insurance. If, in the Council's wisdom, helicopter services availed on a 'shared seat' basis must attract only 5% GST, insurance policies surely deserve more benign taxation too.

Future, at last

Tennis gets a settled look with the rise of a new generation

One of the toughest tests for a modern-day tennis player is to maintain excellence all year round. The season starts in early January and ends only in mid-November, traversing continents, different time zones and a multitude of playing surfaces. The first and the last Grand Slam tournaments themselves are separated by roughly eight months, making success in both – even though they are similar hard-court Majors – one of the most impressive feats. Since the turn of the millennium, only Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic (thrice each) and Angelique Kerber had managed to win at Melbourne Park and Flushing Meadows in the same year. What Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka achieved in New York, of winning their maiden US Open singles titles to go with their Australian Open crowns from earlier in the season, is thus an ode to their fitness, consistency and all-round playing ability. For Sinner, the twin successes bookend a career-best year, the recent doping cloud he came under notwithstanding. He won the Masters 1000 trophies in Miami and Cincinnati, ATP 500s in Rotterdam and Halle, reached the semifinals at French Open, quarterfinals at Wimbledon and rose to No.1 in the world. Sabalenka, World No.2, has been just as prolific, winning Cincinnati, reaching the final at Madrid and Rome, and making the quarters at Roland-Garros.

While their triumphs will no doubt embellish their respective careers, the accomplishments will, in all probability, shape the future of tennis. Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz have now split 2024's four Slams, and for the first time since 2002, there is no winner from the legendary trio of Federer, Rafael Nadal and Djokovic. Their ascent has also come at a time when tennis needed variety. Sinner's clinically efficient and workmanlike game, and Alcaraz's all-court dazzle and razzmatazz make the upper echelons of men's tennis an eclectic place instead of the one-dimensional hub it was threatening to turn into with the rise of players like Daniil Medvedev and Alexander Zverev. Meanwhile, Sabalenka's victory has made 2024 the first year since 2014 without a first-time women's singles champion at the Majors, a clear sign that the WTA Tour has finally settled down. Like Sinner-Alcaraz, there is the Sabalenka-Iga Swiatek duopoly, with the pair having secured seven of the past 11 Slams. While Sabalenka – also the Australian Open winner and US Open runner-up in 2023 – has been consistent, with seven semifinal or better finishes at her last eight Majors, Swiatek is a five-time Slam champion and the No.1 from April 2022 for all but eight weeks. All of which proves that tennis' brand-new era is well and truly here.

A panoramic view of the 2024 China-Africa summit

Rajiv Bhatia

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Africa figures prominently in China's worldview and in the conduct of its foreign policy in the 21st century. During the past 24 years, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has emerged as an all-encompassing and effective platform for dialogue, interaction and planning between the two sides. African countries, despite their reservations and grievances, have found it useful to enhance their proximity to China. Unlike the previous decade, African governments and institutions of multiple hues now find it increasingly more comfortable to deal with their Chinese counterparts. In this light, the outcomes of the Ninth Ministerial Conference of FOCAC, which just concluded in Beijing, merit a dispassionate scrutiny.

As scholar George Yu noted in 1968, 'studying China in Africa is much like pursuing a dragon in the bush. The dragon is imposing, but the bush is dense'. In the latter half of the 20th century, especially in its last decade, China laid the foundations of a strong partnership with Africa. This has blossomed during the FOCAC era which began with the first summit held in Beijing in 2000. Since then, a total of five conferences took place in Beijing and one each in Ethiopia, Egypt, South Africa, and Senegal. The Beijing summit last week confirms China's consistency and steadfastness in pursuing its goals relating to Africa. They are economic, political and strategic in nature, reflecting Beijing's long-held view that Africa is vital to the world's future – therefore, it should be motivated to stand alongside China.

The main elements

A careful look at the 30-paragraph-long Beijing Declaration of the latest summit reveals its key elements.

First, the jointly negotiated document which bears predominantly the stamp of Chinese draftsmanship, has six sections, namely outlining the high-level 'China Africa Community with a Shared Future'; fostering 'synergy' between China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), AU's Agenda 2063 and the 2030 UN Agenda for sustainable development; the Global Development Initiative (GDI), the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI); and spelling out the review and outlook for FOCAC.

Second, both sides have committed themselves to expanding exchanges on governance, modernisation and poverty reduction so that modernisation based on 'the characteristics of their own civilisations' is promoted. Further, they favour 'mutually beneficial and inclusive economic globalization' that focuses on the concerns of African countries. China supports Africa in increasing Africa's influence and role in global governance. The declaration states: 'Africa appreciates it that China is the first country to support the AU in joining the G20.' Besides, the parties stand for an equal and orderly multipolar world, and for necessary reform and strengthening of the United Nations (UN), including its Security Council.

> With African governments finding it more comfortable to deal with China, the recent FOCAC conference needs objective scrutiny; there are takeaways for India

Third, there is little new in the goal to promote synergy involving Chinese, African and UN plans for development as this has been often articulated in the past. However, China has now hailed progress in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and expressed readiness to sign a framework agreement for economic partnership with Africa. On the issue of financing projects and businesses in Africa, the Chinese side astutely shifted responsibility by calling on international financial institutions and commercial creditors to participate in debt treatment for African countries.

Fourth, China's three flagship plans – GDI, GSI, and GCI – have been firmly embedded into the purportedly joint strategy to create a common path to all-round security and development paradigm. The declaration, for example, voices China's support for increased UN funding for Africa's independent peace operations, counterterrorism activities and maritime security challenges. Further, the document waxes eloquent in highlighting the need for joint action for deepening dialogue among cultures and civilisations.

Fifth, the concluding section points to the transfer of responsibility of Africa's FOCAC co-chair from Senegal to the Republic of the Congo and confirmation that the tenth conference will be held in 2027 in Congo.

Beneath the surface, a familiar template

The international media produced numerous headlines while covering Chinese President Xi Jinping's keynote address at the inauguration of the Beijing Summit, unaware that it sticks to a familiar template used on such occasions in the past. He presented the offer of new financing amounting to nearly $51 billion in soft loans, grants and investment promotion to African nations. He identified 10 partnership actions relating to trade connectivity, green development, industrial chain cooperation, and health, as he did in the past. On the surface, his big announcements such as provision of 60,000 training opportunities for women and youth, invitation to 1,000 members of African political parties to visit China, and training for 7,000 military and police personnel from Africa sound impressive, but opacity will prevail about the degree of their implementation in the future as it did in the past. What, however, is noteworthy on this occasion is China's decision to give all 33 African least developed countries zero tariff treatment for 100% tariff lines. When implemented, it could boost African exports to China.

Concerning the growing multi-dimensional cooperation between China and Africa, three principal perspectives should be factored in. First, the Chinese view is that a natural partnership exists between China, the largest developing country in the world, and Africa, the continent with the largest number of developing countries. With its own economic success, China has shown an alternative path to modernisation which is different from westernisation. The Chinese path is highly relevant to Africa, according to this school.

Second, a sober African view recognises the benefits and risks of close partnership with China, but as pointed out by Paul Nantulya of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, the FOCAC-centered process is still largely shaped by "a donor-recipient dynamic where African countries mostly take a back seat while China initiates most of the agenda".

Third, the prevalent American perception has been presented by Michael Schuman of the Atlantic Council who argues that China's interest in the developing world is shaped by Xi Jinping's anti-Americanism. He is of the opinion that the aim of Mr. Xi's strategy is to build a coalition of states within the Global South to act as 'a counter weight' to the U.S. global alliance. A more sophisticated viewpoint was articulated by a European foreign minister visiting India in 2019. He cautioned against interpreting the Chinese role in Africa 'in black and white terms'. It was doing some good as in the health and education fields and it was also expanding its power and influence on the continent, he noted.

The import for India

Finally, what are the takeaways for India from the latest FOCAC summit? At least three seem fairly obvious.

First, consistency in cultivation of Africa at the highest political levels is a must. After holding three India-Africa Forum Summits, India paused its Africa-centered conference diplomacy in 2015. Almost a decade has elapsed since then. Second, strong historical bonds, ideational contributions and stirring rhetoric are useful, but they must be backed by financial generosity. This demands substantial additional resources for fuelling India-Africa cooperation. Without them, our diplomatic and business initiatives would become handicapped. Third, Africa's place in the list of India's diplomatic priorities must be reviewed. If the continent enjoys a high priority, the Indian polity must be enabled and encouraged to act accordingly.

India's Africanists have presented a range of practical policy choices to the government. What is now needed is stronger political will.

UAE-India ties are rooted in affinity, trust and respect

Reem Al Hashimy

the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of State for International Cooperation and the UAE Special Envoy to the Republic of India

During the visit of Sheikh Khaled, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, to Delhi this week, there was one engagement that had emblematic significance for him and for the ties between the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and India.

Visiting Rajghat, His Highness planted a tree in memory of Mahatma Gandhi, following the example of his father, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, in 2016, and his grandfather, the founding president of our country, Sheikh Zayed, in 1992.

The three trees, planted by three generations of the past, current and future leaders of our country, within the span of three decades, will stand side by side, a symbol of the deeply-rooted and growing ties between our two countries: embedded in the past but reaching towards the future. At first glance, our countries appear to be very different. India is almost 40 times larger than the UAE in size and is also the most populous country in the world. There are more than 1,000 Indian citizens for every Emirati citizen. Our economies too are founded on different strengths: agriculture is a key pillar of India's economy, for example, but only makes up less than 1% of the UAE's GDP. And while we both emerged as modern nations in the 20th century, our histories and governance are very different. Yet, the strongest ties between nations are those where common interests and values are enriched by complementary strengths and diversity, embracing difference rather than seeking to paper over it.

Deep connections, of people and progress

The secret of the success – and distinctiveness – of the UAE-India relationship is the way it is rooted in affinity, trust and respect, derived from generations of human connections. Just as trees depend on strong roots to draw the water and nutrients they need for growth and to hold them fast in tough times, partnerships between nations must have these qualities in order to thrive.

> Given their long history of connections, the two countries are determined to keep growing and innovating together

Ours has always been a relationship about people and progress. The first trade links between the Arabian Gulf and India go back thousands of years, as people, goods and ideas crossed back and forth across the ocean. Pottery discovered in recent archaeological excavations in Abu Dhabi shows connections to the Indus Valley civilisations of more than four millennia ago. In my parents' time, many Emiratis travelled to India for medical treatment, and when my children catch the typical colds and flus of childhood, I turn to Indian homoeopathic medicine first, before other remedies.

Strength of the expatriate community

The UAE is home to more than 3.5 million Indians, the largest expatriate community in our country. Our success is built on our leaders' far-sighted commitment to tolerance, inclusion and the empowerment of women and minorities, and we are grateful for the contribution Indian nationals make to the strength and vibrancy of our economy. The degree of connectivity between our countries can be seen in the simple fact that there are more than 1,500 flights between the UAE and India every single week.

When a relationship is founded on respect and a sincere inclination towards partnership and collaboration, there is no limit to what can be achieved. In February 2022, India became the first country with which the UAE signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. Trade negotiations often take years, if not decades, and are sometimes abandoned due to insurmountable differences. We were able to agree our partnership agreement within six months, because of the trust and affinity at the heart of our relationship. In its first year of operation, our bilateral trade jumped by over 15%. We have signed billions of rupees of additional investment deals, and plan to go much further.

Sheikh Khaled recently attended the inauguration of the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi Abu Dhabi, which is the first overseas branch of the prestigious university. We have exchanged agreements on topics including health innovation and renewable energy, crucial to our nations' and the world's future. During the Crown Prince's visit, further co-operation agreements will be signed, including on civil nuclear technology: a domestic success story for the Emirates, but one rooted in international co-operation. India's research into nuclear desalination to produce clean drinking water – which has obvious importance for a desert country such as the UAE – is one example of the many opportunities which our partnership can enable advances not just in green energy production but also in medical technology, scientific research, agriculture and industry.

Ties that will flourish

Like his grandfather, Sheikh Khaled planted an amaltas tree, *Cassia fistula*. His father, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, planted the moulsari tree (*Mimusops elengi*). Amaltas trees grow fast, embodying opportunity and renewal, while the slower-growing moulsari points us to the virtues of stability and patient trust. As the UAE and India continue to develop our comprehensive strategic partnership, these different qualities symbolise our approach. We can have confidence in our mutual affinity and respect and our long history of connection, but also be determined to keep growing and innovating together, renewing our partnership and finding new ways to flourish.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Levy on policies

It will be a great relief, especially for senior citizens and pensioners, if the new Group of Ministers is able to review the GST tax rate on health and life insurance policies (Page 1, September 10). The GST levy is a heavy burden that weighs down on the limited financial strength of the middle class and salaried sections, as well as senior citizen pensioners.

N. Visveswaran,
Chennai

The high premium for medical and health insurance is discouraging the common man from buying himself adequate medical coverage. The need for medical insurance for a considerable sum has become imperative given how expensive hospital bills have become. The current tax percentage is almost a fifth of the premium. The rule that once the sum assured is fixed, the policyholder cannot take coverage for a lesser sum when renewing the policy is perhaps a way to ensure that there is a flow of money to insurance companies. If taking medical and health insurance is to aid the policyholder, the government must be considerate.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Focus on race courses

Yesterday it was the iconic Ooty race course and earlier Hyderabad, Bangalore and Bombay. Now the spotlight is on the Madras Race Course, which is being subject to bureaucratic and political whims, without any thought being given to the heavy damage that it does to the entire economic ecology.

Land prices being what they are, no course can afford to pay the dues calculated by the revenue surplus generated. However these are more than made up by indirect and direct tax generation.

The large-scale unorganised employment generation is also no small matter. We are well aware of what forces will be at play once these lands go back to the government.

The media needs to make out a case for the retention of these spaces before they become concrete jungles.

Srinivas Gade,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

An editing error. The Kolkata rape and murder incident happened on August 9 and not August 5, as mentioned in a front page report, "SC asks West Bengal doctors to resume hospital duty today" (September 10, 2024).

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Montelukast: overused and dangerous

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In February 2018, Harry Miller, a 14-year-old British teenager, died by suicide after struggling to cope with mental health issues for two years. Miller, who had been suffering from asthma, had been prescribed montelukast on an ongoing basis for those two years. A couple of years after this incident, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) added a 'black box warning' to montelukast and the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, U.K. issued a health warning saying the drug could cause serious neuropsychiatric adverse effects. Several patient advocacy groups across the world have been lobbying for the restricted use of this drug. While caution is being exercised everywhere, the sale of this drug in India is unregulated, largely irrational, and seems to be increasing exponentially.

Montelukast, developed by Merck and Co., was approved by the FDA in 1998 and marketed under the brand name 'Singulair'. The oral medication was approved to be prescribed daily for long-term use as a "preventer" or "controller" of asthma and allergic rhinitis. There is universal consensus, based on multiple comparative studies, that as a treatment for asthma, the drug is inferior to inhaled corticosteroids, which are considered first-line therapy for the control of the disease. For allergic rhinitis, most guidelines across the world recommend intranasal corticosteroids and/or antihistamines; montelukast is not recommended first-line therapy.

Unrestricted use in India

Yet, it is widely prescribed in India. There are multiple reasons for this. Patients prefer short-term oral medication over long-term inhalers and topical nasal sprays. Inhalers are often thought to have an addictive potential and are considered unsafe. There is also stigma associated with the use of inhalers, and patients do not want to be seen by their family and peers as needing inhalers to breathe. In the treatment of children, parents are often concerned about the effect of inhaled corticosteroids on growth, and montelukast has been considered to be safe in comparison. This is despite the fact that poorly controlled asthma can have far more deleterious effects on growth and development than those caused by inhalers. There also appears to be widespread ignorance of the adverse effects of the drug in India, resulting in rampant over-the-counter use. Even among physicians, the adverse effects of the drug do not appear to be widely known, as evidenced by the cavalier prescribing practices. Most prescriptions even for the common cold appear to have the drug in combinations for short-term use.

With antihistamines

What is especially worrying is the unrestricted use of the drug in combination with antihistamines. This is unscientific, as the drug is approved for use as a controller, and not as a short-term reliever medication, as is being widely marketed. A prescription of montelukast for 10 days is unscientific. Patients possibly benefit with time-tested antihistamines, such as levocetirizine, loratadine or fexofenadine, in combinations, while being exposed to the adverse effects of montelukast. Such combinations appear to be driven by profits – combining antihistamines with montelukast often triples the price of the drug. This is true, despite the patent on the drug expiring in 2012. Industry sources inform us that over 193 registered brands offer such combination treatment in India. The annual sales of montelukast were more than ₹2,400 crore during the April 2023-24 period. Less than 3% of these sales are potentially guideline-based, i.e. the sales of the drug alone; the rest are in irrational and unindicated combinations with antihistamines, oral bronchodilators, and mucolytics.

Concerns related to the drug are not a recent phenomenon. They were investigated as early as 2009, when an FDA review reported serious post-marketing concerns regarding the neuropsychiatric adverse effects. There is growing recognition that the drug can cause aggression, nightmares, depression, and cognitive impairment. It has been associated with deaths by suicide. A study from the University of Oxford, published in JAMA in 2022, concluded a much higher risk of anxiety and insomnia, among other neuropsychiatric adverse effects, from this drug. Large studies in Denmark, the U.S., Korea, and the U.K. have suggested a strong association between the use of the drug and serious mental health issues.

As pulmonologists, we notice a trend of aggressive marketing of montelukast in combinations by the pharmaceutical industry. Every major pharmaceutical company markets the drug in combination with an assortment of quick-acting, reliever medications. Our ENT colleagues have experienced a similar trend. This possibly explains the 25% growth in sales over the past year (industry sources).

Time for regulators to step in

Regulators need to step in to ensure that the abuse of this drug stops, and that these health concerns are amplified among both physicians and patients. Not only will this protect citizens from a harmful drug, but it will also ensure that patients are prescribed inexpensive and time-tested options for short-term use, and better ones for long-term use. In a country where post-marketing surveillance tends to be limited, and mental health issues are largely under-reported and stigmatised, we need to raise awareness and prevent an epidemic of neuropsychiatric adverse effects, especially in young children.

While caution is being exercised everywhere, the sale of this drug in India is unregulated, largely irrational, and seems to be increasing exponentially

Steering through troubled waters

Questions on the Yettinahole Project continue to haunt the government

STATE OF PLAY

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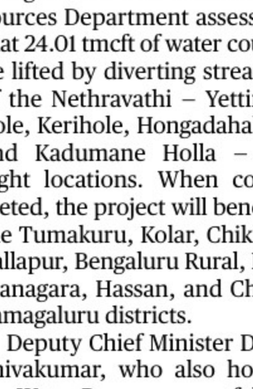
The Congress government in Karnataka, which has been struggling to deal with controversies raised by the Opposition as well as its own internal squabbles over leadership, got a much-needed break from bad press when it inaugurated the ambitious Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Project last week. The project aims to harness 24.01 tmcft of water from the catchment area of the Nethravathi River, which originates in the Western Ghats and flows through the hilly Malnad districts and coastal area, to provide water to seven arid districts of southern Karnataka.

However, the project, which is being implemented at an estimated cost of ₹23,251 crore, has been controversial since its inception. It has its genesis in a report submitted by Dr. G.S. Paramashivaiah, who retired as Superintendent Engineer with the State government, on providing permanent irrigation facilities for arid districts by diverting excess water from west-flowing rivers. The Yettinahole project is part of what he had initially recommended in his report.

Paramashivaiah himself was unhappy with the way the project was being planned, arguing that it should be implemented in its entirety. The people of the Malnad and coastal regions too have been opposing the project, alleging that it would affect both the Western Ghats, a biodiversity hotspot, and the people who depend on the Nethravathi in the downstream. Despite these protests, in 2012, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government, led by D.V. Sadanada Gowda, gave administrative approval for the project.



Activists then moved the National Green Tribunal (NGT) opposing the project. They maintained that the government was implementing it without obtaining forest and environmental clearances. However, their petitions were quashed by the principal bench of the NGT in 2019, which upheld the government's argument that the project was meant to provide drinking water in arid areas.

The Congress government, led by Siddaramaiah, laid the foundation stone for the project in Chikkaballapur in 2014. The first stage has now been inaugurated. The Water Resources Department assessed that 24.01 tmcft of water could be lifted by diverting streams of the Nethravathi – Yettinahole, Kerihole, Hongadahalla, and Kadumane Holla – at eight locations. When completed, the project will benefit the Tumakuru, Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Hassan, and Chikkamagaluru districts.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, gave special attention to clearing the hurdles involved in executing the project in the last one year. At the inaugural ceremony, the Chief Minister and he said that they would clear the remaining hurdles in acquiring land required for the gravity canal and feeder canals, and ensure that the project is completed by March 2027.

However, this won't be an easy task, as people in the Malnad and coastal areas continue to oppose the project. The residents of Kolar and Chikkaballapur have raised doubts about whether they will get the water assured by the government, given the yield.

Some experts who have assessed the availability of water in the project area say that there could be only 9.55 tmcft of water available and not 24.01 tmcft, as projected by the government. Mr. Siddaramaiah has instructed officers to conduct a survey to tap water from a few more streams further below the project area, while arguing that shortage is no more than 5 tmcft. However, his statement has caused more worry among environmentalists. Kishor Kumar, one of the petitioners before the NGT, has said that such a move will damage the forests further.

During heavy rains in July this year, several landslips were reported in parts of Sakaleshpur taluk in Hassan district. Some of the locations were close to the places where the Yettinahole project work had been executed. The residents of these areas blamed the project for the tragedy, while officers of Visveswaraya Jala Nigam Limited, which is executing the project, argued that the project had nothing to do with the landslips.

While the people in drought-prone areas need long-term solutions to the drinking water crisis that haunts them every summer, the multiple issues surrounding the Yettinahole project show how hard it is to find them in a sustainable and amicable way.

Explaining the close contests in swing States

Battleground States have middling urbanisation and college graduate numbers, and a diverse mix of racial and religiously non-affiliated voters

DATA POINT

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Jasmin Nihalani

An earlier Data Point focussed on the importance of swing States in deciding the outcome of the 2024 U.S. presidential polls. Here, we explain why these States are battlegrounds by looking at the background variables of voters, such as demography, religion, geographical type, and college education.

Urban voters largely favour the Democrats, while rural voters largely favour the Republicans. Voters who identify themselves as religiously unaffiliated tend to prefer the Democrats, while Protestants and evangelical voters prefer the Republicans. Voters of the Black/African American community distinctively favour the Democrats. College-educated white voters are largely Democratic voters, while non-college educated white voters are overwhelmingly Republican.

When these variables are broken down State-wise, we find that States with higher urban populations (with exceptions) tend to favour the Democrats, while those with higher rural populations vote Republican. Swing States have middling urbanisation (measured as an index by *538.com*), i.e. they have a mix of rural, suburban, and urban voters. That is why they are competitive with near equal numbers of Democratic and Republican voters. They also fall somewhere in the middle when we look at the share of the population who are college graduates.

States such as Georgia have a relatively higher number of voters who identify themselves as Christian, but Georgia has a relatively higher share of Black voters, which makes it competitive. States such as Pennsylvania and Michigan have a lower share of racial minority voters, but also a relatively high share of religiously unaffiliated voters, and so they are competitive.

Swing States are not typical

The data for the charts were sourced from Pew Research and FiveThirtyEight.com (which also provided the urbanisation index). Swing States include Pennsylvania (PA), Michigan (MI), Wisconsin (WI), Arizona (AZ), Nevada (NV), Georgia (GA), and North Carolina (NC)

Chart 1: Democratic and Republican voters in 2020 and 2022 elections (%)

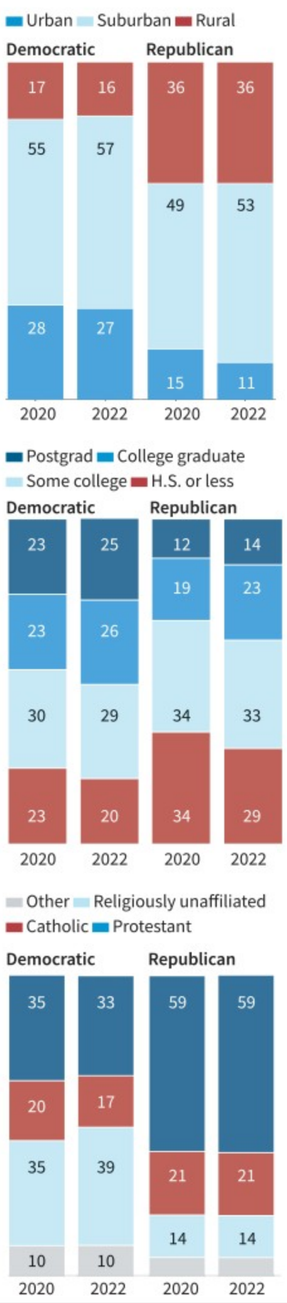


Chart 2: Urbanisation index is plotted against difference in vote shares (Dems.' minus Reps.') for States

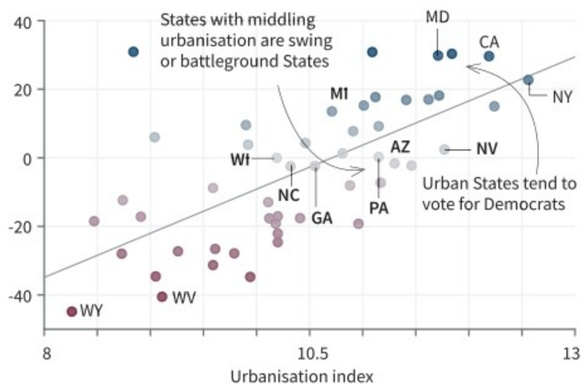


Chart 3: % of people in States affiliated to Christian denominations plotted against the difference in vote shares

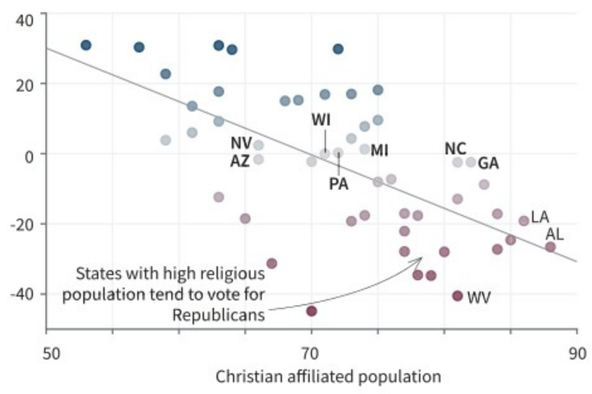


Chart 4: The chart plots the share of non-white population of States against the difference in vote shares

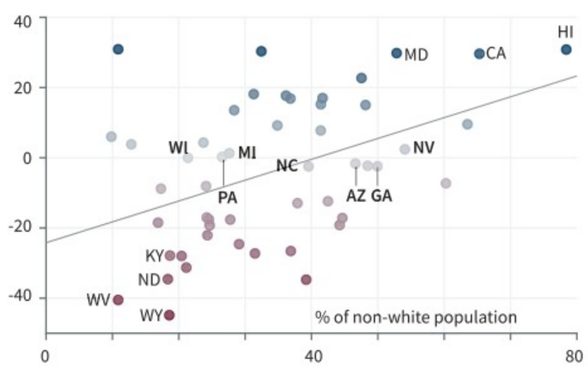
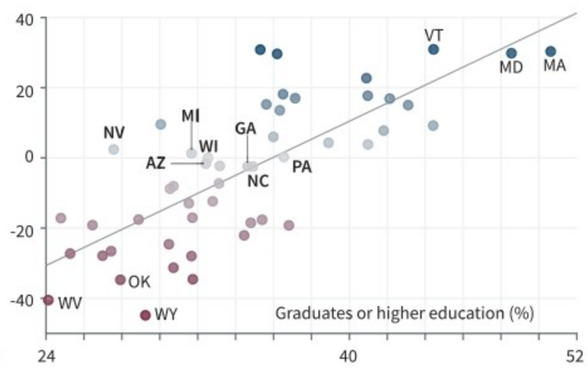


Chart 5: Share of graduates (or higher degree) in States is plotted against the difference in vote shares



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 11, 1974

Nuclear plants: German help to Pak. likely

London, Sept. 10: According to press reports here, the West German Government is assisting Pakistan in conducting a study to determine the feasibility of setting up a chain of nuclear plants of 50 mw capacity to be located even in distant corners of Pakistan. The Chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Khan said these plants would be in addition to the 600 mw nuclear station now being built near Chasma Barrage. Plans were also being worked out for building a nuclear complex near Karachi to meet most of Pakistan's nuclear requirements locally. The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission wanted the country to be self-sufficient in its nuclear need and wanted to manufacture nuclear components in Pakistan. Dr. Khan said Pakistan was in touch with "certain friendly countries to start joint production of nuclear plants. Although he did not name the friendly countries, it is widely assumed that he could be referring to China and possibly the United States.

Dr. Khan said Pakistan had to build itself up as a modern technological society not for the sake of facing India and protecting national integrity but for the "sake of the entire Muslim world which so heavily depends upon Pakistan."

Dr. Khan hoped that except for very large and heavy components and highly sophisticated systems "we will be able to make most of the nuclear power plants ourselves."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 11, 1924

Assam Cooly exodus.

Calcutta, Sept. 10: The "Foreward's" Nowgong correspondent wires that about 700 coolies arrived at Jakhlabandha on foot from Jerhat (in Assam), a distance of about 150 miles. A Magistrate with the police is attending them and the Commissioner of Assam Valley is also present. They are extremely helpless and are being fed by the public. Some European planters are trying to persuade them to return to their gardens. But the coolies are determined not to return. No steps have yet been taken to repatriate them. Many are suffering, some have already succumbed, several cases of delivery occurred on the way. The local people with some Congress workers are taking great interest and rendering every possible help.

From Page One

Students in Imphal defy curfew, clash with police

The Imphal East district administration issued a similar curfew order while prohibitory orders under Section 162 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita were clamped in Thoubal district.

The State's Home Department also issued an order suspending mobile Internet, leased line, broadband, and VPN services in five districts of the Imphal Valley for five days from 3 p.m. on Tuesday "to thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social elements, maintain peace and communal harmony and prevent any loss of life or danger to public/private property".

The Education Department also said schools and other educational institutions would remain closed till Thursday.

Manipur Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, who held a meeting with the representatives of students and women groups around 6 p.m., called for peace.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for promising to do in 15 months what the Congress could not in 15 years.

"Indeed. Within 15 months of getting a decisive mandate from all sections of Manipur's society, he allowed the State to go up in flames. It is still burning with no respite in sight," he said.

Officials said the conflict had taken a serious turn with extremist groups now using drones to deliver bombs and firing long-range rockets.

Inspector General of Police (Operations), I.K. Muivah, confirmed the involvement of "foreign elements" in the drone attacks over the past few days on the periphery of the Imphal Valley.

Kolkata doctors resume protests despite appeal

They added that they will continue with their peaceful sit-in protests in front of the Health Department headquarters.

The five-point demands of the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front are finding and punishing all possible culprits involved in the rape and murder as well as alleged tampering of evidence; disciplinary action against former R.G. Kar principal Sandip Kumar Ghosh; resignation of Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal; increased security for healthcare workers; and an end to the alleged 'threat culture' in hospitals and medical colleges across West Bengal.

The resident doctors' official statement on Monday said, "We demand the removal of the Health Secretary, DME, and DHS, and that they also be brought under the CBI investigation. We also want to know the Health Minister's stance on this massive corruption in the Health Department; we have yet to hear any statement from them."

Rahul's speech in the U.S. triggers a storm

"What the RSS is basically saying is that certain States are inferior to other States. Certain languages are inferior to other languages. Certain religions are inferior to other religions. Certain communities are inferior to other communities. This is what the fight is about," he said on Monday.

On Monday, he had also said that people no longer fear the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the election results had destroyed "the idea of Modi being a person with 56-inch chest".

Responding to such comments on Tuesday, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri addressed a press conference at the BJP headquarters to condemn Mr. Gandhi's remarks and said," if there has been one time in our history when as a community we [Mr. Puri being a Sikh] have felt anxiety, a sense of insecurity and existential threat, it has been the times when Rahul Gandhi's family has been in the seats of power."

Anti-Sikh riots

Referring to the anti-Sikh riots following the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Mr. Puri said, "In 1984, a pogrom was carried out against Sikh community, when Rajiv Gandhi was Prime Minister. As many as 3,000 innocent people were killed. People were dragged out of their homes, tyres put around them and burnt alive".

Claiming that the Congress leader, of late, had been making statements on sensitive issues, "involving our national identity, unity, the strength of our unity and diversity," Mr. Puri said, "I think he is trying to set a new kind of narrative which I think is a dangerous narrative".

Hitting back at the BJP criticism, Congress general secretary in-charge of organisation, K.C. Venugopal said the BJP ecosystem was "nervous" because Mr. Gandhi had spoken the plain truth.

"It is also doubly hypocritical for the BJP to complain about statements made by Rahul *ji* in the U.S. when the PM does not miss a single chance to repeat his hackneyed 'nothing happened in the 60 years before 2014' line which is truly an insult to the collective efforts of multiple generations of Indians who made our country great," Mr. Venugopal said in a post on X.

Countering Mr. Gandhi's attack on the Sangh Parivar in the U.S., the BJP's retaliatory fire included calling him a person "with an anti-reservation mindset". The ruling party's accusation came after the Congress leader told the students at the Georgetown University that the Congress would think of scrapping reservations when "India is a fair place", which, he said, "is not the case now".

'India has a four-point principle to end the Russia-Ukraine conflict'

In Berlin, External Affairs Minister says there could be no solutions in the battlefield, that this should be a time for peace, that Russia must be at the table for a dialogue and that New Delhi is engaged in trying to find a way to resolve the conflict

Suhasini Haidar
BERLIN

India has a four-point principle towards the resolution of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Tuesday.

He said that "suggestions have been made" for India to host a peace conference on the issue, but made no commitment on whether India would in fact forward any peace proposal of its own.

Responding to a question from *The Hindu* about the possibility of India hosting the conference, and playing a role as peacemaker, Mr. Jaishankar said that India believes in the four principles: that this should be a time of peace; that there would be no solutions to the war on the battlefield; that Russia must be at the table for any successful peace process; and that India is "concerned and engaged" in trying to find a way to resolve the conflict.

"We don't believe disputes can be settled through war," said Mr. Jaishankar, referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits to Moscow and Kyiv in the past two months.

"When there is a discussion, we believe Russia has to be in it," he said, adding that National Security Adviser Ajit Doval is in Russia this week, an indication of India's consistent engagement.

Mr. Jaishankar spoke to the media after a bilateral meeting with German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock to prepare for a visit to New Delhi by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on October 24-25. Mr. Jaishankar said they had discussed "the state of the world", including the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Gaza conflict as well as coordinating their agendas ahead of the UN Summit of the Future later this month, particularly India and Germany's joint pitch for the expansion of the UN Security Council.

"Germany is in an intensive discussion with India and other countries about our different roles in bringing about peace," Ms. Baerbock said, adding that despite "differences" in Indian and German positions on the conflict thus far, they had maintained regular discussions on the issues.

Friendly ties: S. Jaishankar with Annalena Baerbock after the talks at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin on Tuesday. AP

Ms. Baerbock's comments follow a series of statements by Western coalition countries that have urged India, China and other countries to step up peace efforts between Russia and Ukraine, two-and-a-half years into the war. If India was to play a mediatory role, it would be significant shift from its previous position where it had called the war "Europe's problem", and not something connected to India's "geography". India has not so far accepted requests by Germany and other European countries including Ukraine to cut its oil imports from Russia, or as Mr. Zelenskyy said for India to "change its attitude" towards Russia.

Ties with China

Addressing German diplomats at an "Ambassadors's conference" earlier in the day, Mr. Jaishankar was also asked about economic ties with China, given the four-year-old military stand-off between the two countries that has led to many restrictions on Chinese companies and investment.

"We are not closed to business from China," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that, "The issue is, which sectors do you do business and what terms do you do business? It's far more complicated than a black-and-white binary answer."

During bilateral talks, Mr. Jaishankar and Ms. Baerbock discussed broadening the India-Germany migration and mobility partnership to bring in more skilled Indian workers to Germany. According to Ms. Baerbock, about 1,25,000 Indian nationals are now working and 50,000 students are studying in Germany.

They also spoke about building their military partnership after holding their first-ever joint air force exercises this year, and upcoming naval exercises in Goa in October.

In an effort to increase annual bilateral trade levels of $30 billion and about $25 billion in investment from Germany, New Delhi will be the venue for the Asia Pacific Conference of German Business next month.

SC stays proceedings against Shashi Tharoor

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed criminal defamation proceedings against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor for the "scorpion sitting on a Shivling" remark about Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Eventually, it [scorpion sitting on a Shivling] is a metaphor... The metaphor may refer to the invincibility of the person who is being spoken about... 'Scorpion on a Shivling' – can the metaphor not be understood as something pointing to the invincibility of the person? A metaphor is a figure of speech... A metaphor is capable of telling the truth or the view of the author of the metaphor by occupying the least space... Like a picture can take the place of 1,000 words, if good enough a metaphor can substitute 1,000 words... Don't know why somebody has taken objection here," Justice Hrishikesh Roy observed.

The relief from the top court spared Mr. Tharoor from appearing before a trial court on September 10. The defamation case is based on a complaint filed by BJP leader Rajiv Babbar in November 2018.

Buildings razed in Surat locality where riots occurred

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Authorities in Surat in Gujarat have carried out a demolition drive, razing illegal buildings and temporary structures, in an area that saw rioting after stones were allegedly thrown at a Ganesh pandal.

So far, 30 people have been arrested in connection with rioting, while several minors have been detained for allegedly throwing stones at the pandal on Sunday.

Officials said the anti-encroachment drive was not linked to the rioting as it was planned weeks in advance. The city administration deployed bulldozers to raze illegal concrete and temporary constructions.

Six Indians enlisted with Russian Army released

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

At least six Indians enlisted with the Russian Army have been released from their camps on Russia-Ukraine border, months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue "personally" with President Vladimir Putin during his visit to Moscow in July.

Mohammad Sufiyan, 24, a resident of Telangana who was released from a Russian camp, told *The Hindu* on phone from Moscow that he and five others were waiting to return to India after the completion of paperwork at the Indian Embassy.

Vikramjit Sahney, Rajya Sabha member, however, said 15 Indian youth, including four from Punjab, were being repatriated from Russia after being released from the Army.

To freedom: Six Indians who were discharged from the Russian Army. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar informed the Lok Sabha on August 9 that of the 91 Indians recruited in the Russian Army in the past nine months, eight were killed and 69 awaited release.

"We were in the red zone, two km from the battlefield on Ukraine border. Our job was to ferry the bodies," said Mr. Sufiyan, who was allegedly tricked into joining the Russian Army after being offered the job of a security helper in that country.

The others who were discharged are Sameer Ahmad, Abdul Nayeem, Syed Ilyas Hussain from Kalaburgi in Karnataka, Azad Yousuf Kumar from Jammu and Kashmir and Kamal Singh from Punjab.

Mamata is lying, was offered money, says mother of victim

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Mamata Banerjee

Family members of the deceased doctor of Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital stuck to their stand that the West Bengal government had offered money as compensation after the death of their daughter on August 9.

Refuting the claims made by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who said on Monday that no money was offered to the family, the mother of the doctor accused Ms. Banerjee of "lying".

"My daughter is not going to return. Would I lie in her name? She (the CM) told us that we would receive money and suggested that we create something in our daughter's memory. I responded that I would collect the money once my daughter gets justice," the mother told news agency ANI.

'Lies being spread'

The Chief Minister on Monday said lies were being spread and the government did not offer any money to the family. Ms. Banerjee said she had told the family that if they wanted any memorial for their daughter, the State government would help.

The family members, including the parents, have alleged that the Deputy Commissioner, North Division, of the Kolkata Police had offered the family money even when the body had not been cremated.

On the Chief Minister's remark of "joining the festivities and shunning the protest", the mother said Durga Puja would never be celebrated in their household. "Durga Puja was celebrated in my house too. My daughter used to handle it herself. But Durga Puja will never be celebrated in my house again. The light in my home is out. How can I ask people to return to the festival?" she said.

Amid the ongoing protests, Governor C.V. Ananda Bose requested the Chief Minister to comply with Article 167(c) of the Constitution which says that the Chief Minister must inform the Governor of all decisions of the Council of Ministers and legislative proposals.

Earlier, the Governor had suggested that the Chief Minister hold a Cabinet meeting to decide on the people's demand of removing the Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal.

The former principal of R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, Sandip Ghosh, was sent to judicial custody till September 23 by a special CBI court in a case of financial irregularities.

Top U.S. diplomat Donald Lu to visit India, Bangladesh

Sriram Lakshman

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Donald Lu will be in India and Bangladesh from September 10-16, the U.S. State Department has said.

Mr. Lu will be in India for the U.S.-India "2+2" Foreign and Defence Ministries' intersessional dialogue.

A top U.S. Defence Department officer for Indo-Pacific strategy, Jedidiah P. Royal, will represent the Department of Defence at the talks in New Delhi.

The sixth annual 2+2 dialogue is expected to be held in Washington DC this year, led by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the Indian side and their counterparts, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin on the U.S. side.

"The [Intersessional] Dialogue will identify opportunities to enhance the U.S.-India bilateral partnership, including defence cooperation, and expand U.S.-India collaboration in the Indo-Pacific and beyond," the State Department said. The talks come 10 days before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. for a summit level meeting of the Quad (a group comprising India, the U.S., Australia and Japan), hosted by U.S. President Joe Biden in Delaware and the "Summit of the Future" organised by the United Nations.

Donald Lu

In Bangladesh, Mr. Lu will join an economic dialogue with the interim government of Bangladesh, reportedly on September 14 and 15. This is being led by the U.S. Treasury Department but will include delegates from the State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the office of the U.S. Trade Representative. The aim is to discuss U.S. support to Bangladesh's economic growth, development and financial stability, the State Department said.

The visit to Bangladesh represents a change in tone from the relationship that the U.S. had with the administration of former Bangladesh Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, who has been in exile in India since August. Ms. Hasina had blamed the U.S. for playing a role in ousting her. The State Department had denied having any role in the events.

Yechury is in critical condition, says CPI(M)

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, who is undergoing treatment for acute respiratory tract infection at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, is in a "critical condition", the Polit Bureau said in a statement on Tuesday.

The 72-year-old leader was admitted to AIIMS on August 19 for the treatment of a pneumonia-like chest infection.

"Comrade Sitaram Yechury is in the intensive care unit of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, being treated for an acute respiratory tract infection. He is on respiratory support. A multi-disciplinary team of doctors is closely monitoring his condition, which is critical at this time," the Polit Bureau said.

APPEAL

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Muhammed Shabeeb

BJP drops six MLAs in second list for Haryana election

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday released the second list of 21 candidates for the Haryana Assembly election, dropping six MLAs, including two Ministers.

The party's Pehowa candidate, Sardar Kamaljeet Singh Ajrana, was replaced after he expressed inability to contest the poll on party ticket citing opposition from local leaders.

The ruling party has so far declared candidates for 87 of the 90 Assembly constituencies in the State.

Muslim leaders

Two Muslim leaders, Naseem Ahmed and Aizaz Khan, have been fielded from Ferozepur Jhirka and Punhana, respectively. Minister of State for Environment Sanjay Singh, who is the MLA for Sohna, has been named for Nuh.

The BJP has dropped Bawal MLA Banwari Lal and Badkhal MLA Seema Trikha, both Ministers, from the list.

It has fielded former Minister Krishna Gahlawat from Rai in Sonipat district after the Haryana BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli, the sitting MLA from this seat, informed the party that he did not want to contest.

Sardar Baldev Singh has been named for the Dabwali constituency after the party's Sirsa president, Aditya Devi Lal, joined the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) in protest after his name did not feature in the first list of candidates released on September 4.

Former Minister Manish Grover has again been fielded from Rohtak.

Haryana CM Saini files nomination from Ladwa

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini on Tuesday filed his nomination from the Ladwa Assembly constituency. He said that his only mission was to take Haryana forward on the path of development.

Countering the Congress allegations that he could not find a "safe" seat for him, Mr. Saini, who had contested a byelection from Karnal earlier, said that he was contesting from all the 90 constituencies of the State. He challenged former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda to step out of his traditional bastion Rohtak and his Assembly constituency Garhi Sampla-Kiloi before making allegations against him. Mr. Saini is pitted against Congress' MLA Mewa Ram.

Cong. reposes faith in sitting MLAs from Haryana's Nuh

All the three Congress candidates for Muslim-dominated district file their nominations; they were accompanied by Bhupinder Singh Hooda who addressed a gathering highlighting party promises

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

All three Congress candidates and MLAs from the Meo Muslim-dominated Nuh district in Haryana – Aftab Ahmed, Mamman Khan and Mohammad Ilyas – on Tuesday filed their nominations for the Assembly election scheduled for October 5.

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda accompanied the three leaders and addressed a gathering of their supporters on the occasion.

A former Transport Minister and two-time MLA, Mr. Ahmed, addressing a gathering of his supporters before filing the nominations, said it was time for the people to rise above party politics and make decisions keeping in mind the larger interests of this region.

Show of strength: Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda being welcomed at a meeting for the party candidate in Mewat. PTI

Public meeting

Mr. Hooda, who joined the public meeting on his way back from Hodal, said the Congress during its 10-year rule carried out many development activities in Nuh, but the BJP did nothing for the development of the area over the past decade. He said the Congress was returning to power in the State. He repeated his party's poll promises of two lakh regular jobs, 300 units of free power, and ₹6,000 old-age pension.

Mr. Khan and Mr. Ilyas, accused in the Nuh violence case, too filed their nominations from Ferozepur Jhirka and Punhana, respectively.

Nuh, one of the most backward districts of Haryana, witnessed communal violence during the Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad last year.

Sharing its boundary with the IT hub and Haryana's financial capital Gurugram, it lacks basic amenities such as drinking and irrigation water and adequate health and education infrastructure.

AAP names 20 more candidates for Haryana polls

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

The Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday released its second list of nine candidates and third list with 11 names. It has fielded former Minister Chhatarpal Singh, who had quit the BJP a day ago, from the Barwala Assembly constituency.

The party has so far announced 40 candidates for the election. The party also announced its candidates for Sadhaura, Thanesar, Indri, Ratia, Adampur, Bawal, Faridabad and Tigaon.

BJP Election Management Committee member and actor Rajkumar Rao's brother-in-law Sunil Rao, and former Rewari Zila Parishad chairman Satish Yadav, also a BJP leader, joined the AAP in the presence of Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh.

Court grants interim bail to Engineer Rashid

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi Court on Tuesday granted interim bail to Sheikh Abdul Rashid, alias Engineer Rashid, Baramulla MP, till October 2.

He was arrested by the National Investigation Agency in a terror funding case and has been lodged in Tihar jail since 2019.

Mr. Rashid heads the Awami Ittehad Party, but contested the Lok Sabha election as an Independent candidate. The AIP is set to contest most of the seats in the J&K Assembly election.

SEBI chief's firm paid by listed firms: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

Alleging a conflict of interest, the Congress on Tuesday said Dhaval Buch, husband of Madhabi Puri Buch, Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, received ₹4.78 crore between 2019 and 2021 from Mahindra and Mahindra when the stock market regulator was adjudicating its cases.

The party said Agora Advisory Private Ltd., a consultancy firm in which Ms. Buch had a 99% stake, received fees from listed companies such as M&M.

The Mahindra Group, in a filing to stock exchanges, called the charges "false and misleading". Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in a post on X, alleged that SEBI's institutional integrity as a robust market regulator had been "tarnished" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to save his "crony friends".

His party colleague, Jairam Ramesh, in another post, asked, "Is the Prime Minister aware that Madhabi Buch owns 99 per cent of Agora Advisory Private Limited and is receiving significant fees from listed entities, including Mahindra & Mahindra?"

Earlier, Congress leader Pawan Khera addressed a press conference in which he referred to the recent Hindenburg report that alleged Ms. Buch held 99% shares in Agora.

Madhabi Puri Buch

Although, in her response, Madhabi Buch had said the two consulting firms set up by her in Singapore and India – one of which is Agora – became "immediately dormant on her appointment with SEBI", the reality was that as of March 31, 2024, she still owned 99% stake in the Indian entity which had been actively providing advisory/consultancy services till date, he said. In 2016-17, 2019-20 and 2023-24, she received a total of ₹2.95 crore through Agora, even when she was a wholetime SEBI member and later its Chairperson, he said.

He said the companies that took consultancy service from Agora included M&M, Dr. Reddy's, Pidilite, ICICI, Sembcorp and Visu Leasing and Finance.

"Strangely, of the total ₹2.95 crore received by Agora Advisory Private Limited, ₹2.59 crore has come from one entity alone – the Mahindra & Mahindra Group," Mr. Khera alleged.

He said the payments to Mr. Dhaval Buch came at a time when his wife, as a whole-time member of SEBI, was adjudicating cases of the same group. "The year of settlements [of cases] and the year of receipt of income by Dhaval Buch serendipitously coincide," Mr. Khera said.

Allegation refuted

Refuting the Congress allegation about obtaining favourable SEBI orders, the Mahindra Group said "three out of the five approvals or orders of SEBI do not pertain to it or any of its subsidiaries". "One was a fast-track rights issue, which did not require any approval from the SEBI and one was an order issued in March 2018, well before Mr. Dhaval started working with the Mahindra Group," it added.

BJP MP objects to call for SEBI chief to depose before PAC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) setting the agenda to review the performance of "regulatory bodies established by Acts of Parliament", its member and Trinamool Congress MP, Saugata Roy, at the committee's meeting on Tuesday, demanded that SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, who faces allegations of conflict of interest, be called in to depose.

According to sources, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey objected to Mr. Roy's demand, saying the PAC rules did not permit such an investigation.

Mr. Dubey argued at the meeting that the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) could not audit SEBI without the mandate of the Centre, hence the PAC too could not summon officials of regulators without evidence of "flaws" in finances provided by the government.

He said that even for the PAC to take *suo motu* cognisance, there should be evidence of wrongdoing.

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, (PROJECT) PHED REGION CHURU (RAJ.)
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S. No. : 816-858 Dated : 06.09.2024
Notice Inviting Bid No. 02/2024-25
Bids for Work of Augmentation and Retofitting work 108 Villages of block Sri Dungargarh and Loonkaransar and Sri Dungargarh Town Water Supply Project under JJM District Bikaner (Package-1) are invited from interested bidders upto 18.00 hrs 07.10.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and departmental website https://phed.raj.nic.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 233.65 Crore. UBN No. PHE2425WLOB04415
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E-Tender Enq. No. 565/P-3/EMP-12806 dated: 10.09.2024
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_126962_1 for the work of Breakdown/Preventive Maintenance of Boiler, Airpreheaters and their auxiliaries of 4X210 M.W Unit-III to VI (Stage-II & III) at GGSSTP, Ropar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from dtd. 10.09.24/ 01:00 PM onwards.
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Bids for construction of pucca boundary wall 16 km 1.85 mtr height at Range Kolipura approx Amount 635.00 lacs invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM (Time) 28.09.2024 (Date). Other particulars of the Bid may be Visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the State and **http://forest.rajasthan.gov.in**
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ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office: 10-152/1, Ashoknagar, Bandar Road, Vijayawada-520 007
Lr.No.Mktg.M6/RG Dall/Tenders/2024 Date:10.09.2024
TENDER NOTICE (2nd Call)
BIDS ARE INVITED FROM THE ELIGIBLE BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF 22,500 MTs (± 25%) OF RG DALL IN 1 KG PACKET FORM WITH SECONDARY PACKING IN 50 KG PP BAGS TO ALL THE 251 MLS POINTS OF APSCSCL IN TWENTY SIX(26) DISTRICTS ACROSS THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER PDS /ICDS/ THR SCHEMES THROUGH THE AP E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL.
Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited invites bids from eligible bidders for supply of 22,500MTs (± 25%)RG Dall in 1KG packet form with secondary packaging in 50 Kg PP bags under PDS/ICDS/THR schemes to 251 MLS points in twenty six (26) Districts in Andhra Pradesh State.
All the interested RG Dall suppliers in All Over India may visit www.apscscl.in & www.apeprocurement.gov.in to view and download tender documents free of cost.
The interested tenderers to submit bids should be registered in website www.apeprocurement.gov.in and should also obtain Digital Signature Certificates from any Certifying Authority in India. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the website www.apeprocurement.gov.in or contact the helpdesk of e-procurement portal Phone: 9154383633 / 9154383634 / 7337318402.
Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **17.09.2024 at 5.00P.M** and the tentative date of online e-reverse auction through ap e-procurement platform would be **20.09.2024 at 02.00 P.M** onwards.
Sd/- G.Veerapandian
VC & Managing Director

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संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
सं.शारःसीएमजी सिविलः अनुरक्षणः ई–जन निविदा / No:SHAR:CMGCIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-08/24-25 तिथि/ Date. 09.09.2024
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से **"एसडीएससी शार के कोथाचेनु स्थित कैं.औ.सु.ब. बैराक में विविध सिविल कार्य"** (टी/सी-24-035, अनुमानित लागत ₹ 14.61 लाख) हेतु मद दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेजों को 18.09.2024 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। इच्छुक निविदाकार विस्तृत सूचना के लिए हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।
On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Misc civil works @ CISF Barrack, Kothachenu, SDSC SHAR"** (T/C-24-035, Est. cost ₹ 14.61 Lakhs). Tender documents can be downloaded up to 18.09.2024, 14:30 hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.
हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP-Portal)
BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works:
Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Name of the work	Amount put to tender EMD
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3439/2024-25	**Date: 03-09-2024**
1) Providing and laying 230 mm dia SW line at 2nd main to 8th main and 4th cross to 11th cross Poornprajna layout surrounding area coming under PP layout Service Station of AEE SW-5 Sub-division.	Rs.166.59 Lakhs / Rs.2.50 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3435/2024-25	**Date: 03-09-2024**
2) Providing and laying of 230mm dia SW line 300mm dia RCC pipe line at 29th, 30th, 35th, 36th, 38th main and 40th to 51st cross Poorna Pragna layout coming under PP layout Service Station of AEE SW-5 Sub-division	Rs.210.24 Lakhs / Rs.3.15 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3431/2024-25	**Date: 03-09-2024**
3) Providing and laying of 230mm dia SW line 300mm dia. RCC pipe line from 24th to 38th cross Poorna Pragna layout park-1 surrounding area coming under PP layout Service Station of AEE SW-5 Sub-division.	Rs.215.09 Lakhs / Rs.3.23 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3430/2024-25	**Date: 03-09-2024**
4) Providing and laying of 300mm dia RCC NP-3 pipe and 225mm dia SW at 2nd main from 37th cross to 44th cross, 37th A, 37th, 39th, 41st & 43rd cross 8th Block Jayanagar coming under Devagiri Service Station of AEE SW-4 Sub-division	Rs.188.97 Lakhs / Rs.2.83 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3426/2024-25	**Date: 03-09-2024**
5) Providing and laying of 300mm dia RCC NP3 in place of 150mm dia and 225 mm dia at Chikkalasandra and surround area of PNB Service Station of AEE SW-5 Sub-division	Rs.208.06 Lakhs / Rs.3.12 Lakhs

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **25.09.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.** The tenders will be opened on **27.09.2024 after 16:00 hrs.**
Sd/- Chief Engineer (South)
The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during the working hours.
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NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS IN MEDICAL SCIENCES
(Autonomous body of the M/o. Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
NAMS Building, Medical Enclave, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi – 110029
DNB FINAL THEORY EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2024
NOTICE
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) shall conduct the next DNB Final Theory Examinations on **16th, 17th, 18th and 19th October 2024.**
Please refer to the Information Bulletin at NBEMS website https://natboard.edu.in for eligibility criteria, fee structure, scheme of examination and other details.

Important Dates	
Availability of Information Bulletin	7th September 2024 onwards
Online Submission of the Application Form	7th September 2024 (3PM Onwards) to 27th September 2024 (Till 11:55PM)
Date of Examination	16th, 17th ,18th and 19th October 2024

Candidate Care Support: +91-7996165333
- Helpline Portal on applicant login page
- Communication Web Portal on NBEMS Website

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/64 -2024-25
The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Item	Estimated Amount (in Rs.) / Tender Fee in (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0520/0924 [RFX No. 5000001280] [3rd Call] (Two Bid System) Procurement of 315MVA, 400/220/33kV, 3-ϕ(01 No.); 200MVA, 400/220/20kV, 1-ϕ (02 Nos.) & 167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-ϕ ICT (16 Nos.) along with New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Scheme under Karad; Nashik; Pune & Vashi Zone [Including 9x167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-ϕ ICTs Tendered against SP/T-0502/0124 (RFx 5000001184)] 1 st Call: SP/T-0508/0324 (RFx 5000001219) 2 nd Call: SP/ T-0515/0724 (RFx 5000001261).	Rs.16550.81 / Rs.25000.00 (excluding taxes)	24.09.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. / 24.09.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.
Pre-bid meeting Date, Time & Venue	**Date:**13.09.2024 **Time:** 14:30 Hrs. **Venue:** 8th Floor, MSETCL C.O. 'Prakashganga' Plot No. C-19, E-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East,Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051	

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

INBRIEF

Tensions in Dehradun over harassment by shopkeeper

Communal tensions prevailed in Dehradun over the past two days after a student alleged misbehaviour by a shopkeeper belonging to a minority community. Right-wing groups kept the city's biggest market shut on Tuesday and the police detained over 120 shopkeepers to verify their credentials. According to the police, the girl informed that an employee working in the Paltan market misbehaved with her on September 7.

IAF officer booked for sexual assault on woman colleague

The Jammu and Kashmir Police have registered a case against a Wing Commander of the Indian Air Force after a woman Flying Officer lodged a complaint of sexual assault against him. The incident happened at the New Year party on December 31, 2023, the complaint said. Both are posted at the Air Force Station in Srinagar. The FIR was filed at the Budgam police station on September 8 under Section 376 (2) of the IPC, which was in force at the time of the alleged incident. The woman officer also accused the senior officers at the station of not taking her complaint seriously. Her complaint records that it took two months for the station to assemble an Internal Committee. The probe ended on May 15 as the committee said it was "inconclusive that the incident happened or not" because of "lack of eyewitness", the complaint added.

Congress flags Adani investments in China

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Flagging the Adani Group's new China subsidiary for providing project management services, the Congress on Tuesday renewed its attack on the Centre for its "grossly inadequate" economic policy towards India's neighbour. India faced the risk of "uncontrolled Chinese imports, investments and immigration, it added.

In a statement, party leader Jairam Ramesh said the risk was that "the conglomerate's investments in China would add national security and territorial sovereignty to the growing list of sacrifices" that India had made at the altar of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "special friendships". He alleged that "the non-biological PM's clean chit to China on June 19, 2020" was one of the most damaging statements ever made by an Indian Prime Minister. He branded the Prime Minister's policy towards China as "grossly inadequate".

He said that the past few years had seen a pattern of Adani's overseas investments often "undermining our national interest and contributing to bad outcomes for India".

Will deploy 5,000 cybercommandos in five years, says Shah

They will assist States and Central agencies in securing the digital space, says Shah; 'no institution can keep cyberspace secured single-handedly'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said cybersecurity was linked to national security and in the next five years, nearly 5,000 cybercommandos would be trained and deployed across the States to counter such threats.

"Trained cybercommandos will assist States and Central agencies in securing the digital space," Mr. Shah said.

Mr. Shah addressed the first Foundation Day programme of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and launched the Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre (CFMC), Samanvay platform (Joint Cyber Crime Investigation Facility System), and Cyber Suspect Registry.

He said no institution could keep cyberspace secured single-handedly. This is possible only when many stakeholders come on the same platform and move forward on the same method and path.

Taking a step: Union Minister Amit Shah during the first Foundation Day celebration of I4C in New Delhi on Tuesday.. ANI

Rajesh Kumar, CEO, I4C, said the cybercrime helpline portal received 67,000 calls every day and the security agencies identified 1,500-2,000 mule accounts that are used to defraud people on a daily basis.

Mr. Shah said in a vast country like India, "a separate Cyber Suspect Registry for each State would not serve any purpose because States have boundaries but not cyber criminals".

He said that it was the need of the hour to create a suspect registry at the national level and connect States with it to create a common platform to fight cybercrime.

Single platform

He said the CFMC had been inaugurated with the idea of bringing banks, financial institutions, telecom companies, Internet service providers, and the police on a single platform.

He said the number of Internet users in the country was 25 crores on March 31, 2014 and in 2024 it was 95 crores.

Five pilgrims killed as boulder falls on them on Kedarnath route

Bad fate: Police personnel inspect the site of the debris after a landslide on the Kedarnath route in Uttarakhand on Tuesday. PTI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Five pilgrims, three of them women, were killed after a boulder fell on them during a landslip on the Kedarnath-Gaurikund route in Uttarakhand on Monday night.

The State Disaster Response Force said a group of pilgrims were returning on foot from the Kedarnath temple around 7 p.m, when they were caught in the landslip.

The SDRF and the National Disaster Response Force launched a rescue operation immediately, but it had to be suspended following bad weather and as boulders kept falling from the hill intermittently.

The route was opened just a few days ago. A portion of the road had been damaged due to landslips in July.

While one body was recovered on Monday night, four more were taken out of the debris on Tuesday.

"Three injured were also rescued from the spot," officials from the Rudraprayag district administration said.

They urged pilgrims to avoid travelling on foot after sunset.

The deceased were identified as Gopal, 50, from Dhar in Madhya Pradesh; Durgabai Khapar, 50, from Ghat district of Madhya Pradesh; Titli Devi, 70, from Vaidehi village of Nepal's Dhanwa district; Saman Bai, 50, from Dhar in Madhya Pradesh; and Bharat Bhai Niralal, 52, from Surat in Gujarat.

Access to electricity in rural areas had differential benefits, says study

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Access to electricity benefited larger, populous villages disproportionately more than hamlets with fewer households, shows an analysis of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyut Yojana, a programme launched in 2005 to provide and improve electricity access to roughly four lakh villages in India.

Villages with fewer than 300 people saw limited benefits as opposed to those with 1,000 but the gains jumped dramatically in villages that had 2,000 or more people, says the analysis by researchers at the University of Chicago and the University of Maryland.

Per-capita monthly expenditure in villages of about 300 people barely changed. However, larger villages (about 2,000 people), saw a doubling of per-capita expenditure due to full electrification, an increase of about ₹1,428 a month, says the study which relied on statistical analysis of public data.

Villages with fewer than 300 people saw limited benefits as opposed to those with 1,000.

"It's clear that electricity access boosts GDP at the national level, but does it necessarily improve the lives of those living in small communities? We found the answer to be 'no'," said co-author Fiona Burlig, an assistant professor at the Chicago university's Harris School of Public Policy, in a statement.

"While we see large benefits to larger villages, bringing electricity access to the smallest, remote villages is expensive, and it doesn't necessarily lift them out of poverty. It may well be much more cost-effective to do smaller solar home systems or minigrids in small, remote locations and expand the grid to the larger villages," she said.

In computing the economic gains from electricity access, the researchers relied on data on consumption as well as the number of industrial outlets and employment in villages.

Smaller 300-person villages experience "zero return" from electrification after 20 years and full electrification had less than a 27% chance of generating economic benefits that exceed upfront costs. The 1,000-person villages experience a 13% return, just barely exceeding the benchmark for cost effectiveness. But as the village size increases to 2,000 people, there was a 33% return, far exceeding the cost-effectiveness benchmark. These villages have a 90% change of generating economic benefits that exceed upfront costs, says the study published in the *Journal of Political Economy* this month.

In 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that all villages in India were electrified though the current government's commitment to provide 24/7 power to all villages is still a work in progress.

The analysis is based on Census data of 2011, the last comprehensive source of official data in India as no census has been conducted since.

Obstacles in research must be removed, says Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday convened the first meeting of the Governing Board of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).

During the meeting, Mr. Modi said that a new beginning had been made, according to an official statement. The Prime Minister stressed the need to identify and remove obstacles in the country's research ecosystem. There was a need to set big targets, focus on attaining them, and on doing path-breaking research. Mr. Modi said that research ought to be focused on finding new solutions to existing problems.

He emphasised that problems might be global in nature but their solutions must be localised in accordance with Indian needs.

Setting targets: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs the first meeting of the newly formed ANRF in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

During the meeting, the governing body decided to launch a programme on the 'hub and spoke model' by pairing universities where research is at a nascent stage with top-tier established institutions in mentorship mode.

They also discussed several areas of strategic interventions by the ANRF, which include the global positioning of India in key sectors, aligning R&D with national priorities, promoting inclusive growth, capacity building, driving scientific advances and innovation ecosystems, as well as bridging the gap between academic research and industrial applications through industry-aligned translational research.

The ANRF was conceived as a funding body to galvanise science and engineering research in the country.

Hindu outfits stage protest in Muzaffarnagar

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Bharatiya Colony area in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh remained on edge on Tuesday after a Muslim man bought a house in the neighbourhood, with right-wing outfits allegedly warning that under no circumstances will Muslim families be allowed to settle in the predominantly Hindu locality.

Tensions escalated in the area after Hindu organisations said namaz was offered in the open by dozens of people. They alleged that an organisation named Awam-e-Hind was being run from the house. The groups staged a protest, demanding the eviction of the family.

Amid the uproar, the house owner is reportedly planning to sell the property.

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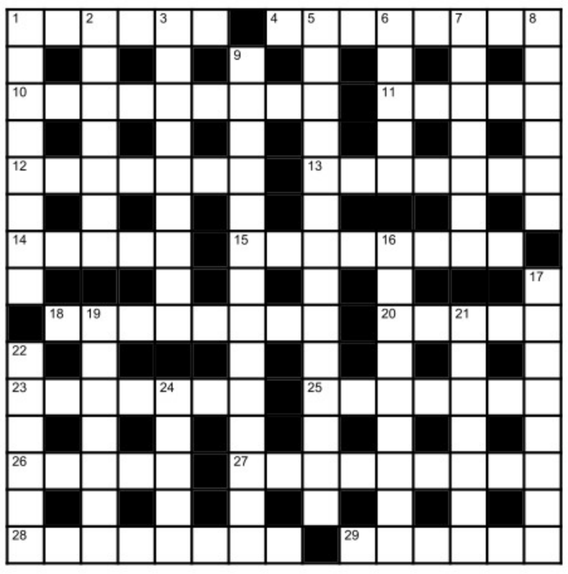

Across

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4 Romeo in love, essentially passionate - it is all-consuming! (8)
10 Spoil date going around bad French city (9)
11 Piece of lovely, rich poem (5)
12 Fellows enthralled by moving lines, cry softly (7)
13 Problem about following this comic strip (7)
14 The short, appropriate beat (5)
15 Accompany girl in rickety tonga (3,5)
18 Model train having engine at the back, or in the front (8)
20 Single regularly in high spirits (5)
23 Electronic devices intrinsically useful at chess (7)
25 Indian state's rush for growth (7)
26 Amount of liquid in mineral mostly (5)
27 Ever undo a wrong? Try! (9)
28 Animal starting to easily help hurt soldier (8)
29 Highly rated player to consume cocaine, ecstasy and withdraw (6)

Down

1 Landed outside park ground - it's a holiday spot (8)
2 Man and dog heading off, more cheerful (7)
3 Fantastic, fine story, beyond words (9)
5 Spooner's welcoming banks arriving at common points of agreement (7,7)
6 One bag having large opening (5)
7 Legendary captain, after retirement, recruits a disheartened rebellious crew (7)
8 Free from cold? Then work! (6)
9 Scientist from East Berlin made money describing energy (6,8)
16 At war, get allies to draft laws (9)
17 Stop extremely intimate undergarments (8)
19 Doctor can't sue lunatic (7)
21 Home without walls overwhelmed by sound that's offensive (7)
22 Exclusive group with measure of intelligence to probe evidence (6)
24 Opening plot (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Universe is body of the Lord

Pillai Perumal Kavi's Ashta Prabhandham narrates stories of child Krishna stealing butter, and records one instance. Krishna, attracted to elaichi-flavoured milk in a house, tries to steal it and is caught in the act. The gopi picks a cane and hits Him. However, the pain was felt by her and all the other sentient and non-sentient beings. This incident has deep philosophical significance and practical application, said Thirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh.

Why is a blow delivered on Krishna felt by all? Acharyas say the entire universe is the body of Bhagavan as He pervades everything. Jivatmas are also His body. If He is hit, then everything in the universe will naturally feel the pain. This truth reverberates through many Holy scriptures. The central theme in all scriptures is that jivatmas are all part of paramatma. Is this philosophy applicable to practical life? Yes, If we understand that we are all Bhagavan's body and God is within you and within me, then we will comprehend the modern day concept of universal brotherhood. The joys and sorrows of one jivatma should be felt by all jivatmas. Similar to how one part of our body does not wish to harm another part, no jivatma should harm another jivatma, as God is within us as well. When we see a string of beads, we do not see the thread, similarly, God is invisible but he is the thread connecting all of us.

INBRIEF

Sundaram Home Finance eyes ₹225-cr. loan disbursals in M.P

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) said it is aiming at a 50% increase in home loan disbursals in M.P. during the current fiscal. The company inaugurated the Indore branch on Tuesday. Last fiscal, SHFL disbursed ₹150 crore in M.P. and is targeting disbursements of ₹225 crore, a growth of 50% this year, said MD D. Lakshminarayanan. He said the move to open new branches in Maharashtra and Rajasthan recently was aimed at increasing SHFL's presence outside South India.

Western Carriers (India) fixes IPO price band at ₹163-172

Logistics firm Western Carriers (India) Ltd. has announced to open its initial public offering (IPO) on September 13, in the price band of ₹ 163 to ₹ 172 per share. The IPO will close on September 18. The offering includes a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹400 crore and an offer for sale worth ₹93 crore by promoter Rajendra Sethia. Bids can be made for a minimum of 87 equity shares and in multiples of 87 shares thereafter, the company said.

SMFG India Credit targets ₹600 bn in AUM by FY25

SMFG India Credit, a non-banking financial company (NBFC), announced the opening of its 1,000th branch in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. "Our aim is to expand our reach through our distribution network which will help us to multiply customer relationships and create a life-changing impact on the underbanked communities. As we aim to surpass ₹600 billion in AUM by FY25, our efforts to serve the communities where we operate have compounded," said MD & CEO Shantanu Mitra.

'Growth of credit outpacing deposits can tighten liquidity'

Raising deposits to maintain pace with the loan growth is high on lenders' agenda, a survey by FICCI-IBA carried out across public sector and private banks between January and June shows

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's banking system could face liquidity challenges if credit growth continues to outpace deposits and raising deposits to keep the credit costs low remains bankers' top agenda, a survey by FICCI-IBA shows.

The findings of the survey, carried out between January and June, show that long-term credit demand has seen continued growth for sectors such as infrastructure, metals and engineering. Infrastructure is witnessing an increase in credit flow with 77% of the respondents indicating an increase in long-term loans.

Deposit crunch

Raising lower-cost CASA deposits to keep the credit costs low remains bankers' top agenda, a survey by FICCI-IBA shows

- Infrastructure seeing higher credit flow with 77% respondents indicating an increase in long-term loans
- 62% of participating banks expect non-food industry credit growth to exceed 12%
- More than two-thirds respondent banks reported a decrease in the share of CASA deposits in total deposits

"This could be attributable to the government's capital expenditure push for infrastructure," FICCI-IBA said in a statement.

"The survey suggests that the outlook on expectation for growth of non-food industry credit over next six months is optimistic with 62% of the participating banks expecting non-food industry credit growth to be above 12%," it added.

The findings show customers' preference for higher-yielding investments and the ability to lock those rates for longer has led to a shift to high-cost deposits. More than two-thirds of respondent banks (67%) reported a decrease in the share of CASA deposits in total deposits.

Mutual fund net inflows slid 43% in August: AMFI

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mutual fund (MF) inflows shrank 43% month-on-month to ₹1.08 lakh crore in August, according to the data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). The number was ₹1.89 lakh crore in July.

MF Assets under Management (AUM) grew 2.7% on a month-on-month basis to ₹66.7 lakh crore in the month of August.

This was the slowest pace of AUM growth since March when the metric shrank 2.1%.

Equity MFs continued to dominate AUMs but the growth pace at 2% in the reporting month was the slowest since the 8% growth logged in June.

Debt MF AUM growth, too, slowed to 3.6% in August from 9.3% in July, the second month of growth since June when the debt MF AUM contracted 6.5%.

"MF investors, who are becoming increasingly mature, continue to express confidence in the economy and capital markets," said Deepak Ramaraju, Senior Fund Manager, Shriram Asset Management Company Ltd.

'Carlyle to write off SpiceJet's $40 mn dues'

Reuters
BENGALURU

SpiceJet on Tuesday said that Carlyle Group's commercial aviation investment and servicing unit will write off $40.2 million of the airline's lease arrears and convert $30 million of its arrears into equity.

The conversion, at ₹100 rupees ($1.19) per share of SpiceJet, is a 56% premium to its close on Monday.

The conversion will "significantly increase" Carlyle Aviation's stake in the carrier, SpiceJet said.

'IT services to log 4-6% muted revenue rise'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian IT services industry is likely to register a second consecutive year of muted revenue growth, estimated at 4-6% in FY2025, but the operating profit margin is expected to be healthy, according to ICRA.

Persisting challenges and tepid topline growth notwithstanding, ICRA has forecast the industry's operating profit margin (OPM) at a healthy about 22% in FY2025, with attrition levels having declined considerably and seen stabilising over the near term.

Despite expectations of continued subdued growth, ICRA maintained its 'stable outlook' on Indian IT services industry, led by a well-established business position, expectation of healthy earnings and cash flow generation and strong balance sheets of sector players.

'MSMEs got ₹999 cr. from NSIC Venture Capital till July'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) had received ₹999 crore investments till July this year from the NSIC Venture Capital Fund, which has a corpus of ₹10,000 crore as 'mother fund'.

P. Ravi Kumar, chief general manager of the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), said as part of the Self-Reliant India Funds, the MSME Ministry had earmarked ₹10,000 crore to the NSIC.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,921	0.44
US Dollar	83.98	-0.03
Gold	74,100	0.81
Brent oil	69.08	-3.57

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2986.40	22.25
Adani Ports	1453.40	17.50
Apollo Hosp	6921.55	60.85
Asian Paints	3295.05	14.30
Axis Bank	1187.20	16.35
Bajaj Auto	10987.75	140.15
Bajaj Finserv	1824.50	-35.95
Bajaj Finance	7241.85	-105.60
Bharti Airtel	1577.85	35.20
BPCL	345.95	-1.85
Britannia Ind	5969.90	30.45
Cipla	1632.00	11.85
Coal India	491.10	6.65
Divis Lab	5426.45	252.95
Dr Reddys Lab	6650.40	-5.50
Eicher Motors	4737.20	-10.15
Grasim Ind	2702.55	-7.80
HCL Tech	1779.10	32.35
HDFC Bank	1650.35	3.85
HDFC Life	702.90	-32.90
Hero MotoCorp	5669.70	-75.60
Hindalco	659.50	0.95
Hind Unilever	2898.60	-23.20
ICICI Bank	1237.30	2.30
IndusInd Bank	1435.55	7.45
Infosys	1912.30	17.65
ITC	513.60	1.85
JSW Steel	938.75	4.50
Kotak Bank	1791.60	1.45
L&T	3596.15	17.85
LTIMindtree Ltd.	6343.35	196.75
M&M	2690.00	-18.85
Maruti Suzuki	12263.40	117.65
NestleIndia	2535.50	18.75
NTPC	396.30	6.45
ONGC	295.60	-3.30
PowerGrid Corp	334.15	5.60
Reliance Ind	2923.05	-1.85
SBI Life	1853.45	-48.30
State Bank	782.65	-1.60
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3260.05	-55.65
Sun Pharma	1836.35	14.50
TataConsumerProduct	1204.15	12.10
Tata Motors	1035.80	-2.90
Tata Steel	149.42	-0.05
TCS	4507.85	58.30
Tech Mahindra	1607.40	28.20
Titan	3727.40	42.85
UltraTech Cement	11541.05	46.70
Wipro	525.75	10.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.78	84.10
Euro	92.41	92.76
British Pound	109.64	110.07
Japanese Yen (100)	58.54	58.76
Chinese Yuan	11.77	11.81
Swiss Franc	98.83	99.22
Singapore Dollar	64.18	64.44
Canadian Dollar	61.72	61.96
Malaysian Ringitt	19.28	19.37
Australian Dollar	55.83	56.05

Source:Indian Bank

Even as unemployment 'halves' in Haryana, its youth seek jobs abroad

JOB SCENARIO

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

Data in doubt: Many question the official numbers showing a halving of urban unemployment among those aged 15 and over. AP

The high unemployment rate in the Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled Haryana, reflected even in Union government surveys, has been a major weapon in the hands of the Opposition to attack the State government, even more so as the State goes to the polls in a few weeks from now.

But the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for the January-March quarter in FY24, shows that the unemployment rate among those above 15 years of age as per current weekly status in urban areas has more than halved to 4.1% from 8.8% since the corresponding quarter in the year before, dropping below the national average of 6.7%.

Sharp contrast

This is in sharp contrast to the annual PLFS results for FY22 that showed that Haryana with an unemployment rate of 9%, more than double the national rate of 4.1%, had fared poorly compared with its neighbours including Uttar Pradesh (2.9%), Himachal Pradesh (4%), Rajasthan (4.7%) and Punjab (6.4%).

Attributing the high unemployment rate in FY22 in the State to the global post-Covid economic slowdown in sectors such as hospitality and civil aviation, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Rajesh Khullar told *The Hindu* that job creation both in public and private sector had been the government's top priority. He said the government was on a "job offering spree" in the past few months to fill government posts.

"Around 30,000 regular government jobs, including in Group C and D, have been filled this year so far with the Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini handing over appointment letters to 7,500 trained graduate teachers on July 30. The government aims to give 50,000 regular jobs before the Assembly polls on October 5, but some of these appointments have been delayed as the Model Code of Conduct came into force on August 16, " he added.

'Mission 60,000'

His predecessor Manohar Lal had in January announced "Mission 60,000" for youth employment for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families by engaging them as "Van Mitras", "E-Sewa Mitras" and "Kisan Mitras" and imparting training to 10,000 youth to become contractors, said Mr. Khullar.

The proposed manufacturing plants of Maurti Suzuki and Suzuki Motorcycle at Industrial Model Township at Kharkhoda in Sonipat district to be commissioned next year are likely to generate about 15,000 direct jobs, he said, adding these efforts by the government were getting reflected in the recent job survey reports.

Dismissing official job statistics as mere "jugglery of data", Naveen Jaihind, president of Jai Hind Sena, a social organisation said not enough government jobs had been filled in the past few years. Protesting in a unique way against unemployment in the agrarian State, Mr. Jaihind, led a "Berozgaro Ki Baraat" (wedding procession of unemployed) in Rohtak in January last year, to highlight the socio-economic implications of high unemployment among the youth.

Mr. Jaihind, who is also former Haryana AAP president, said the State's skewed sex ratio, coupled with high unemployment rate had led to rising number of young men forced to remain single in rural Haryana pushing them into drug-addiction and crime. A resident of Rohtak's Meham, Shankar Dayal Sharma, a Masters in Physiotherapy, said though every hospital and health care centre needs a physiotherapist, the government had advertised only eight vacancies a decade ago. Working part-time at a nearby clinic for a paltry ₹9,000 per month, Mr. Sharma, 30, said he was tired of waiting for a physiotherapist's job and was ready to work in a Group-D government job if the opportunity arose. "A couple of relatives are teaching at private schools. They hold PhD degrees. Yet, they are willing to work Group-D jobs as the government has failed to offer them jobs as per their qualifications," Mr. Sharma added.

Former Congress Chief Minister and opposition leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who is critical of the government's efforts in jobs creation, said it is instead sending workers to war-torn Israel. Mr. Khattar's government facilitated 10,000 people to be recruited in Israel's construction sector amid a labour shortage there. He said the government had not filled more than two lakh posts across departments, and was instead recruiting non-Haryanvi residents to higher positions.

'Going abroad'

A Jind-based travel agent, seeking anonymity, spoke of a growing trend among youth from Haryana's districts bordering Punjab emigrating legally or illegally for some years now, in search of better opportunities. "Government jobs still remain the top preference for the youth as they look for stability," said the agent. "But there have not been enough appointments in the past few years, more so under the present government. The youth have begun going abroad. They are inspired by their friends who have gone abroad and who present a rosy picture of their lives on social media."

GENEVA

Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan convicted of rape in Switzerland

AFP

Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan has been convicted of rape by a Geneva appeals court and sentenced to jail. After being acquitted last year, a Geneva appeals court said on Tuesday it found the 62-year-old former Oxford University professor "guilty of rape and sexual coercion" of a woman in a Geneva hotel 16 years ago. AFP

HANOI

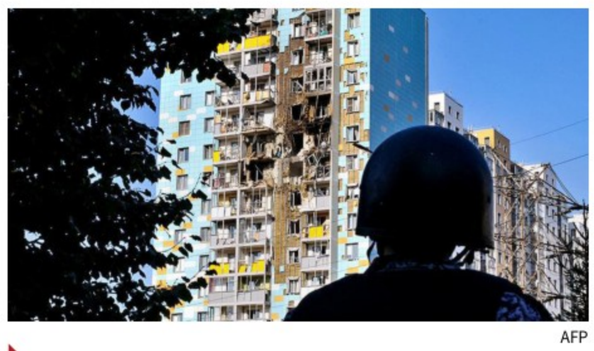
Vietnam evacuates 59,000 as toll from typhoon floods climbs to 82

AFP

Tens of thousands were forced to flee their homes on Tuesday as massive floods inundated northern Vietnam in the wake of Typhoon Yagi, and the death toll climbed to 82. More than 59,000 people have been forced to evacuate their homes in Yen Bai province, after the floodwaters engulfed almost 18,000 homes. AFP

MOSCOW

Ukrainian drone strike kills woman near Moscow, says Russia



AFP

A wave of Ukrainian drone strikes on Russia overnight killed a woman near Moscow, the first time someone has been killed in a Ukrainian attack near the capital since Russia's military offensive began in 2022. Russia said it had downed 144 Ukrainian drones from a barrage that disrupted air traffic at Moscow's airports. AFP

LONDON

EU court rejects Google's appeal, orders it to pay €2.4 billion in fine

REUTERS

Google lost its last bid to overturn a EU antitrust penalty, after the bloc's top court ruled against it on Tuesday in a case that came with a whopping fine. The court rejected Google's appeal against the €2.4 billion penalty from the European Commission for violating antitrust rules with its comparison shopping service. AP

Israel Minister hints at interim truce, but does not commit to ending war

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant says Israel should achieve an agreement that will bring about a pause for six weeks and bring back hostages; he refrains from committing to Hamas's demand of a complete end to Tel Aviv's Gaza operations

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

Israel's Defence Minister says the window is closing on an opportunity to reach a temporary cease-fire deal with the Hamas militant group that he believes could also bring calm to the country's volatile northern border with Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters, Yoav Gallant said that conditions are ripe for at least a six-week pause in fighting that would include the release of many of the hostages held in Gaza. However, he would not commit to a permanent end to the fighting, as Hamas has demanded, raising questions about the feasibility of a deal.

Multi-pronged attack: Israeli military operates during a raid in Tulkarm in the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Tuesday. REUTERS

"Israel should achieve an agreement that will bring about a pause for six weeks and bring back hostages," he said. After that period, he said, "we maintain the right to operate and achieve our goals – including the destruction of Hamas."

A main area of disagreement in the truce talks has been Hamas's demand for an end to the nearly year-old war and a full withdrawal of all Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip.

Sore point

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has raised a new sticking point in recent weeks, saying that Israel must remain stationed in a strategic corridor along Gaza's border with Egypt indefinitely.

Mr. Gallant has been quoted in Israeli media as saying that Israel could withdraw from the corridor for six weeks – to allow hostages to go free without risking Israel's security. The two men reportedly got into a heated shouting match at a recent Cabinet meeting where ministers overwhelmingly sided with Mr. Netanyahu.

During Monday's meeting with foreign journalists, Mr. Gallant was asked about his relationship with the Prime Minister.

"As Defence Minister, my first priority is the state of Israel and those who protect her, and then everything else," he said.

Germany, France, U.K. slam Iran over 'missiles for Russia'

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

Germany, France and Britain on Tuesday condemned what they said was Iran's delivery of ballistic missiles to Russia for use in the Ukraine war and declared new sanctions targeting air transport.

"We will be taking immediate steps to cancel bilateral air services agreements with Iran," the three European countries said in a joint statement, adding that they would also "work towards imposing sanctions on Iran Air".

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken earlier had said, on a visit to London, that Russia had received shipments of the ballistic missiles and "will likely use them within weeks in its Ukraine operation".

Fresh allegations: The three European countries said they had proof about Iran sending missiles to Russia. REUTERS

London, Paris and Berlin said that, despite their warnings of "new and significant measures against Iran" in case it sent missiles, "we now have confirmation that Iran has made these transfers".

"This is a further escalation of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and will see Iranian missiles reaching European soil, increasing the suffering of the Ukrainian people," they said.

"This act is an escalation by both Iran and Russia, and is a direct threat to European security."

Maldives Ministers resign after jibe against Indian PM

Agence France-Presse
MALÉ

Sources said the resignations came ahead of a potential visit by Mr. Muizzu to New Delhi

Two Maldivian Ministers resigned on Tuesday, the government said, months after their suspension following a furious spat with neighbouring powerhouse India for alleged "derogatory remarks" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Pro-China President Mohamed Muizzu, who suspended three Ministers in January for their derogatory remarks against Mr. Modi, is seeking to rebuild ties with New Delhi.

Known as a luxury holiday destination, the atoll nation has also become a geopolitical hotspot, with New Delhi suspicious of Beijing's influence in Male.

India's government has traditionally considered the Maldives, home to around half a million people, within its sphere of influence.

A government official said both had resigned citing "personal reasons".

Official sources said the resignations came ahead of a potential visit by Mr. Muizzu to New Delhi. They also follow a visit last month by India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar.

SpaceX mission launches all-civilian crew for first private spacewalk in orbit

Agence France-Presse
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

SpaceX launched its daring Polaris Dawn mission on Tuesday, a multi-day orbital expedition carrying a four-member civilian crew for the first spacewalk by non-professional astronauts.

The crew, led by Shift4 Payments CEO Jared Isaacman, is also aiming to fly deeper into space than any other manned mission in more than half a century, reaching a peak altitude of 1,400 km.

"Liftoff of Polaris Dawn!" SpaceX said on X, alongside a photo of the take-off.

The highlight of the mission will be the first spacewalk composed entirely of non-professionals, who are wearing sleek, newly developed SpaceX extravehicular activity (EVA) suits outfitted with heads-up displays, helmet cameras and an advanced joint mobility system.

New frontier: SpaceX's Polaris Dawn Falcon 9 rocket blasts off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Applause broke out across the mission control centre as the Dragon capsule separated successfully from the main engine and the first glimpses of earth came into view. "The Polaris Dawn crew is now in Zero-G!" SpaceX wrote on X minutes later, as the crew experienced zero-gravity.

On the first day of their mission, the craft will travel so high that it will briefly enter the Van Allen radiation belt, a region teeming with high-energy charged particles that can pose health risks to humans over extended periods.

Multiple delays

The mission was delayed several times, initially due to a technical issue with the launch tower and then because of weather constraints.

The Crew Dragon capsule will not dock with the International Space Station, which is why the weather had to be favourable during both the launch and splashdown phase, around six days after liftoff.

Russia captures a town, three villages in eastern Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia's Defence Ministry on Tuesday said it had captured the town of Krasnogorivka in eastern Ukraine as well as three villages in different parts of the Donetsk region.

The Ministry said Russian troops had "liberated" the town and the villages of Grygorivka, Galytsynivka and Vodiane.

The Ministry statement used the Russian names for all four settlements.

Key stronghold

Krasnogorivka, which had a population before the conflict of 16,000, is in an area where the front line has remained relatively unchanged for weeks.

The town lies some 20 km west of Russian-held Donetsk and had served as a key stronghold for Kyiv.

It became more vulnerable after the fall of nearby Marinka in December 2023 and Avdiivka in February 2024.

Russian troops have been advancing steadily in the Donetsk region in recent weeks and are closing in on the town of Pokrovsk, a vital logistics and transport hub for Ukrainian forces.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last week that seizing the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland which includes the Donetsk region, was Russia's "primary objective".

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MENTALITY

Kohli is an Australian in thought and action: Steve Smith

FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

Steve Smith opened up on his bond with Virat Kohli, revealing that they often exchange text messages and pointed out reason why his Indian counterpart is an "Australian". "The way he gets into it at all the way, gets into the challenge, and tries to get on top of the opposition. He is probably most Australian of the Indian players, I would say."

SPIN THEN, PACE NOW

Jayasuriya compares The Oval wins as player and head coach

GETTY IMAGES

Sanath Jayasuriya compared Sri Lanka's two Test wins against England. During the famous win at The Oval in 1998, Jayasuriya was the architect , scoring 213 in the first innings, while Muralitharan picked up 16 wickets in the match. In the recent third Test, pacers Fernando, Rathnayake, Fernando and Kumara did the job.

MAKING THE GRADE

Sable to join Neeraj at the Diamond League finale in Brussels

AP

3000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable will run in his maiden Diamond League Final in Brussels, joining star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra in the season-ending event, as he is listed among 12 participants for the winner-takes-all race on Friday. Sable's event is scheduled for September 13, while Neeraj will be in action on September 14.

AIMING HIGH

Newey targets championship glory after joining Aston Martin

GETTY IMAGES

Adrian Newey is plotting to turn Aston Martin into world champions after he was named managing technical partner on Tuesday. "They (the team) have all the key pieces of infrastructure needed to make Aston Martin a world championship-winning team and I am very much looking forward to helping reach that goal."

Arjun and Harika to spearhead India's challenge at Olympiad

The Gukesh-Ding contest expected to attract eyeballs ahead of their World championship clash; Caruana to lead USA's campaign in the absence of Nakamura; the women start as one of the favourites for the crown even without Humpy

CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Koneru Humpy is not part of the Indian women's team for the Chess Olympiad.

She is not just the country's best female player by some distance but one of the strongest in the history of the women's game as well. She is ranked No. 6 in the world.

Even in her absence, India starts as one of the favourites for the women's title in the ultimate team competition in chess, which was inaugurated at Budapest on Tuesday.

India is, in fact, the top seed.

Humpy had led her team to the bronze medal at the last Olympiad, at Mamallapuram, near Chennai, in 2022.

The Indian men didn't disappoint, either. India-2 won the bronze in the open section. As the host, India had fielded three teams each in either section.

Stars on show: India, a mix of youth and experience, is expected to mount a stiff challenge. CHESS.COM

Jumbo field

There is no such luxury in the mammoth tournament - teams from 197 countries are in the fray - this time around, but both the men and the women from India will be in focus. The men are seeded second.

The United States - even without the World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura - is the top seed, with an average Elo rating of 2757.

The World No. 3 Fabiano Caruana will spearhead the US challenge.

India's average rating is 2753.

Exciting talents

The team is built around three of the most exciting young talents in world chess - Arjun Erigaisi, D. Gukesh and R. Praggnanandhaa, ranked fourth, seventh and 12th in the world respectively.

Vidit Gujrathi, who has authored one of the most fascinating turnaround stories in chess of late, and the vastly experienced P. Harikrishna complete the team. China (2724 Elo points) is the third seed.

The biggest attraction in that team is Ding Liren, the World champion, though he may not be in the best form.

His potential match-up with Gukesh could be the most anticipated game of this Olympiad: the duo will be meeting for the World championship match in Singapore starting on November 23.

Like India, Uzbekistan – seeded fourth – has some extremely talented youngsters.

The European teams like Norway, led by the World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen, Germany and the Netherlands too are pretty strong.

In the women's event, India's main challengers should be Georgia, Poland, China and Ukraine.

D. Harika is India's strongest player and she could expect solid support from R. Vaishali, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal and Tania Sachdev.

The opening round will be played on Wednesday. There will be a total of 11 rounds.

India's squads

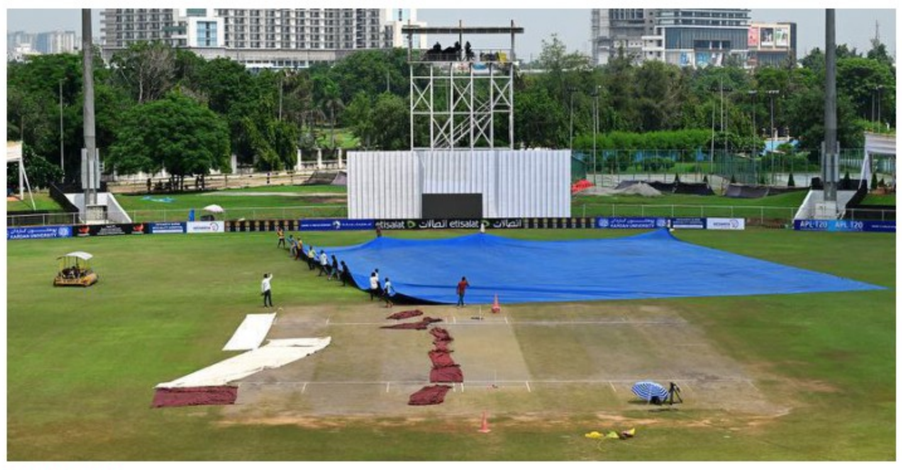
Men: Arjun Erigaisi, D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa, Vidit Gujrathi and P. Harikrishna

Women: D. Harika, R. Vaishali, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal and Tania Sachdev

The Indian men are seeded second in the tournament, behind United States

The Indian women are the top seeds

No play again; the venue comes under the scanner



Sorry sight: Groundsmen covering the pitch on the second day of the Test. R.V. MOORTHY

AFG VS NZ

Shayan Acharya
GREATER NOIDA

There was more disappointment for the Afghanistan and New Zealand camps as play was called off due to a wet outfield for the second successive day in the one-off Test at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Stadium on Tuesday. The opening day's play had been abandoned for the same reason.

After a heavy downpour on Monday evening, the groundstaff struggled to get the ground in shape.

Even though it remained sunny throughout the day, parts of the outfield were so soggy that the groundsmen used two fans to dry a spot on the offside. Play was called off at 3 p.m.

Questions are being raised on why the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) chose Greater Noida as its home venue. "The BCCI offered us three venues: Greater Noida, Kanpur and Bengaluru. We chose this one as it was convenient in terms of logistics. It was closer to Delhi and connectivity from Kabul was also better," said Menhajuddin Naz, ACB's international cricket manager.

"This has always been our home venue and we have hosted teams here since 2016. During our discussions with the BCCI, this venue was offered and it was the logistical one for us," said Naz, who revealed that ACB and New Zealand Cricket (NZC) had done a "recce" of the ground before the Test.

Players bat for DRS in domestic competitions

Abhishek Saini
ANANTAPUR

The use of DRS during the ongoing Duleep Trophy has been lauded by the players who are advocating its use on a full-time basis in other domestic competitions as well.

"It is a great initiative. I have been playing domestic cricket since the last 10 years and there have been a lot of instances where I have been given out wrongly. As a batter, it is hard. You get one chance and then you are given out by a wrong decision. Both teams have an added advantage. We are using technology for the betterment of the game," said Ricky Bhui of India-D after the first round match against India-C.

Manav Suthar, who claimed a seven-wicket haul in the second innings and benefited from DRS on two occasions, said the technology gives something more for the bowlers. Suthar reviewed the umpire's decisions on two occasions – against Devdutt Padikkal and Bhui – and was successful in overturning the call both times.

"On the Padikkal wicket, I was not very sure. But wicketkeeper Abishek Porel was certain there was glove involved. We were able to convince our captain and ended up getting the wicket. So, in those kinds of situations it helps," said Suthar.

Bring it on: In the India-C vs India-D match, the DRS was used 13 times but the decisions were overturned only thrice. X@BCCI

During India-C's match against India-D, the DRS was put to use 13 times, with the decisions being overturned only three times.

In the game in Bengaluru, between India-A and India-B, the system was used 15 times and only two decisions were changed.

In particular, the use of the no-ball tracking, in control of the third umpire, brought forth the frequent overstepping by bowlers in both games. Akash Deep of India-A and Saransh Jain of India-D were caught overstepping repeatedly in the two games.

The India-A versus India-B match saw as many as 19 no balls over the four innings.

Umpire B.K. Ravi, who has officiated in the Ranji Trophy in the past, agreed that the third umpire checking for no-ball removes the scope of human error.

"Sometimes, we miss it. Wherever it is touch and go, we give it in favour of the bowler.

"If the batter is dismissed they can always go back and check it. But if I call a no-ball and it turns out to be a legal delivery that would be unfair because the bowler does not have an option to check that. That's why it is better to wait for it [third umpire's call].

The use of full-time DRS has been requested by teams and coaches in the past too. The technology was first brought to domestic games during the 2019/20 season, though its use has been mostly restricted to televised, big-ticket games.

"Definitely, it will be good from the umpires' and players' point of view. Earlier, players used to complain, pinning the blame on the umpire. Now, it can provide clarity," said Ravi.

Taking charge: Mayank will helm India-A in the absence of Gill. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Mayank named India-A skipper for the second round

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The BCCI men's selection committee on Tuesday announced changes for the second round of the Duleep Trophy to be played at Anantapur from September 12.

Captain Shubman Gill, K.L. Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, Kuldeep Yadav, and Akash Deep from India-A have been named in India's Test squad for the series against Bangladesh. Mayank Agarwal has been named the captain.

The updated squads: India-A: Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), Riyan Parag, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Tanush Kotian, Prasidh Krishna, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan, Kumar Kushagra (wk), Shashwat Rawat, Pratham Singh, Akshay Wadkar (wk), Shaik Rasheed, Shams Mulani, and Aaqib Khan.

India-B: Abhimanyu Easwaran (Capt.), Sarfaraz Khan, Musheer Khan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Navdeep Saini, Mukesh Kumar, Rahul Chahar, R. Sai Kishore, Mohit Awasthi, N. Jagadeesan (wk), Suyash Prabhudessai, Rinku Singh, and Himanshu Mantri (wk).

India-C (unchanged): Ruturaj Gaikwad (Capt.), Sai Sudharsan, Rajat Patidar, Abishek Porel (wk), B. Indrajith, Hrithik Shokeen, Manav Suthar, Gaurav Yadav, Vyshak Vijaykumar, Anshul Khamboj, Himanshu Chauhan, Mayank Markande, Aryan Juyal (wk), and Sandeep Warrier.

India-D: Shreyas Iyer (Capt.), Atharva Taide, Yash Dubey, Devdutt Padikkal, Ricky Bhui, Saransh Jain, Arshdeep Singh, Aditya Thakare, Harshit Rana, Akash Sengupta, K.S. Bharat (wk), Saurabh Kumar, Sanju Samson (wk), Nishant Sindhu, and Vidwath Kaverappa.

Hyderabad on the cusp of Buchi Babu glory

S. Dipak Ragav
DINDIGUL

Hyderabad has one hand on the Buchi Babu tournament trophy after taking the crucial first-innings lead against Chhattisgarh and setting a target of 518 for an outright victory on the penultimate day of the summit clash at the NPR College ground here on Tuesday.

Resuming at 145 for eight, Chhattisgarh was bowled out for 181. Gagandeep Singh (59 not out) top-scored for his side which conceded a 236-run lead.

Rahul on song

The southern team's batters then bullied the Chhattisgarh bowlers in the second innings, led by skipper Rahul Singh (68, 87b, 8x4, 2x6), who slammed a breezy half-century to take his side to 111 for one at lunch.

The cushion of a huge lead allowed the batters to play freely, and Rahul looked sublime while taking on the bowlers. He cut, went inside out, and reverse-swept the spinners to find the boundaries regularly.

The captain and opener M. Abhirath Reddy (39) added 95 runs for the second wicket off just 101 balls.

However, in the session after tea, Jeevesh Butte (six for 56) ran through the Hyderabad line-up, taking four wickets in quick time to complete a five-for.

Silver lining: For Chhattisgarh, off-spinner Butte's six-wicket haul provided the only cheer on day three. G. MOORTHY

The off-spinner first removed Rohit Rayudu, caught behind and then accounted for Hima Teja, who top-edged a sweep to the wicketkeeper.

In pursuit of quick runs, the Hyderabad middle-order batters holed out in the deep before being bowled out for 281 at the stroke of stumps.

Chhattisgarh needs a miracle from its batters on the final day to chase down the huge target and pry the cup out of Hyderabad's hands.

The scores:
Hyderabad 417 & 281 in 70.2 overs (Rahul Singh 68, Rahul Radesh 41, Jeevesh Butte 6/56) vs Chhattisgarh 181 in 70.2 overs (Gagandeep Singh 59 n.o., Aniket Reddy 4/56).

INBRIEF

Arsenal captain Odegaard injured on Norway duty

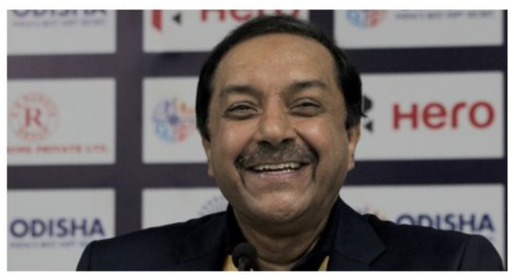
Norway captain Martin Odegaard injured an ankle ahead of a key series of games for his club Arsenal. Odegaard covered his face with his hands while being treated on the field midway through the second half of a Nations League game against Austria on Monday. He appeared to turn awkwardly on his left ankle in a tough challenge with Austria midfielder Christoph Baumgartner as both chased and stretched for a loose ball.

IRF's third round moved to Chennai from Coimbatore

The third round of the 2024 Indian Racing Festival (IRF) will be held at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) on September 14 and 15. Initially, the third round was supposed to be held in Coimbatore. The MIC hosted the season-opener, while the second round was conducted around the streets of Chennai at the Chennai Formula Racing Circuit as a night-street race on August 31 and September 1.

Olympic sponsor Panasonic to terminate contract with IOC

Olympic sponsor Panasonic is terminating its contract with the IOC at the end of the year, the company said in a statement on Tuesday. Panasonic is one of the 15 companies that are so-called Top sponsors for International Olympic Committee. It's not known the value of the Panasonic sponsorship, but sponsors contribute more than $2 billion in a four-year cycle to IOC.



Mohammad Tayyab Ikram set to continue as FIH president

Incumbent Mohammad Tayyab Ikram is all set to continue as the International Hockey Federation (FIH) president for another term, being the lone candidate in the fray. The Pakistan-born Ikram had taken over for a two-year period in 2022 following Narinder Batra's resignation midway through his tenure. The current one will be his first full four-year term.

LIVE TELECAST

Tennis: Davis Cup final (Group stage): Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 a.m. onwards

Afghanistan vs New Zealand: Only Test, day 3, Eurosport (SD & HD) & FanCode, 9.30 a.m.

Hockey: Asian Champions Trophy: Sony Sports Ten 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 a.m.; Malaysia vs India, 1.15 p.m. & 3.30 p.m.

England vs Australia: 1st T20I, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 p.m.

Big cash bonanza for Paralympics medallists

Sports Minister honours the champion athletes; seven winners get ₹75 lakh while silver, bronze and mixed-event medallists receive ₹50, ₹30, and ₹22.5 lakh each respectively

GENERAL

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Champion bunch: The Paralympics medallists with Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya at the felicitation function on Tuesday. ANI

The last batch of athletes returned from the Paris Paralympics on Tuesday and were felicitated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya at an event here with the sports minister also announcing cash prizes for medallists and assuring them of greater support to prepare for the 2028 Games.

The government declared ₹75 lakh each for every gold medallist, ₹50 lakh for silver and ₹30 lakh for the bronze medallists. Medallists in mixed team events would be awarded ₹22.5 lakh each.

Progress

With 50 of the 84 participants supported through TOPS, Mandaviya highlighted the government's role in India's progress at the Paralympics, going from 19 medals at Tokyo in 2021 to 29 this time and pledged full support and facilities.

"The country is rising in para sports, from four medals in 2016 to 29 in Paris, finishing 18," he said.

Present on the occasion were 17 medallists including para athletics gold medallists Navdeep, Dharambir, Sumit Antil and Praveen Kumar, silver medallists Yogesh Kathuniya, Nishad Kumar, Sharad Kumar, Ajeet Singh, Sachin Khilari, bronze medallists Preeti Pal, Mariyappan, Hokato Sema, Sundar Singh Gurjar and Simran Sharma, para archers Harvinder Singh and Sheetal Devi, and para judoka Kapil Parmar.

While Sheetal was expectedly the most recognisable, the ones most in demand were javelin thrower Navdeep Singh, who won India's seventh gold in a dramatic fashion, and double gold medallist Sumit, who also set a new Asian Games record.

"My coach Naval Singh has worked a lot with me. He has trained me for almost seven years and played a big role in my career.

"All credit for my technique and performance goes to him," Navdeep said.

Tea, please

Sumit, meanwhile, only craved tea.

"I have not had tea for a few days, that's what I want to have with my family. But it feels good. I will now try to break the 75m mark soon," said Sumit.

GCL second season will be a fun event for all to enjoy: Anand

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Anand. FILE PHOTO

Five-time World chess champion Viswanathan Anand, an 'icon player' for Ganges Grandmasters in the second edition of the Global Chess League (GCL) scheduled to begin in London on October 3, says the event has been designed to attract TV audiences.

"This league has been conceived with a TV audience in mind. The visual presentation, the colour uniforms of teams, and the music at the start have all been designed to arouse the curiosity of a new audience," said the 54-year-old, currently the FIDE deputy president, on a virtual chat with *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

Anand is sure that this season's GCL will succeed like it did in the previous year, given the minor tweaks the league has undertaken.

Dynamic scoring

"The teams in GCL have been shuffled considerably though the icon players have stayed on from last year. Time control is slightly different with no increments being a very important facet. The scoring is dynamic and unpredictable. All the teams will be a bit more cautious. Last time, I felt by the sixth round that qualification of my team was sure. And we couldn't make it to the final. The first edition of GCL was a big success. There are very good chances to repeat it," he said.

GCL, according to Anand, will be a completely new experience for teams and audience alike. "It will be a fun event. A franchise-based league will not be like an Olympiad or any other tournament. The vibes will be completely different," said the six-time winner of the Chess Oscar.

Anand sounded confident of his team's chances. "I am very happy with my team (comprising Arjun Erigaisi, Parham Maghsoodloo, Volodar Murzin, Nurgyul Salimova, and R. Vaishali), which is very young. I was joking about what was my role in the team. My role, I said, is to think that I am 25 years old! We want to take it step by step. Of course, we want to qualify and win."

AIFF suspends Anwar for four months

FOOTBALL

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Anwar Ali.
FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Tuesday imposed a four-month suspension on India International Anwar Ali after finding the defender "guilty" of illegally terminating his four-year contract with Mohun Bagan, which is also eligible for a huge compensation of ₹12.90 crore.

Setback

The AIFF Players Status Committee also ruled that Anwar's parent club Delhi FC and East Bengal, with whom the defender had entered into a lucrative five-year deal, have been banned from registering players for two transfer windows – 2024-25 winter and 2025-26 summer.

Anwar, East Bengal, and Delhi FC are all jointly "liable" for the compensation amount which includes ₹8.40 crore for the residual value of the contract, ₹2 crore already paid to Delhi FC under loan agreement, and ₹2.50 crore for other "damages suffered by the club," stated the decision of the AIFF Players Status Committee.

The transfer of Anwar to East Bengal from Mohun Bagan following a unilateral termination of his loan, had sparked a controversy in the Kolkata Maidan.

Veterans Prannoy and Ashwini advocate a post-Olympics break

BADMINTON

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

India badminton stars and Olympians H.S. Prannoy and Ashwini Ponnappa are of the belief that post-Olympics there should be a break of more than 30 days so that players can relax and be away from a gruelling circuit.

"It's cruel," said the 32-year-old Prannoy, who was in the city for the inauguration of Victor showroom, along with Ashwini.

"To frame rules that you have to play in all the Super 750 and 1000 tournaments is not good. If we don't play, we have to pay a huge amount as fine. Sometimes, it takes a toll on your body.

"Post-Olympics, for a month and a half, there should be no tournaments. We need time to heal and be with our families."

Ashwini broadly agreed with Prannoy. "It is tough. Anyways, I am on a break now. You don't have an off season which was there 8-10 years back. Of course, things are getting competitive. As much as it is good for young players, it does take a toll on their health.

"But, again the top players do it and they set the bar very high. Certainly, it is not easy," said the former World championship bronze medallist.

Prannoy said he is not rushing to play in tournaments, while Ashwini said she will continue to pair up with Tanisha Crasto and renew the partnership at the Syed Modi International tournament beginning in Lucknow on November 26.

Hashika sets new mark in women's 400m free

Thrilled: Hashika is all smiles after bettering a 13-year-old record.
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Sports Bureau

Karnataka's Hashika Ramachandra created a new National women's 400m freestyle record at the 77th senior National aquatic championships at the International Aquatic Complex in Mangaluru on Tuesday. Hashika's 4:24.70s broke Richa Mishra's mark of 4:25.76s set in 2011.

In the men's event, Karnataka's Aneesh Gowda (3:56.59s) claimed the top spot, ahead of Statemate S. Dharshan (4:01.39s).

The results (winners only):
Men: 400m freestyle: Aneesh Gowda (Kar), 3:56.59s; **200m breaststroke:** Dhanush Suresh (TN) 2:18.85s; **100m backstroke:** Akash Mani (Kar) 56.15s; **50m butterfly:** Benedicton Rohit (TN) 24.22s; **4x200m freestyle:** Karnataka (Aneesh Gowda, S. Dharshan, Kartikeyan Nair, S. Dhakshan) 7:42.90s.

Women: 400m freestyle: Hashika Ramachandra (Kar) 4:24.70s (NR; Old: Richa Mishra, 4:25.76s, 2011); **200m breaststroke:** Thanya Shadakshari (Kar) 2:40.54s; **100m backstroke:** Soubrity Mondal (WB) 1:05.51s; **50m butterfly:** Mahi Swetraj (Bih) 28.33s; **4x200m freestyle:** Karnataka (Shirin, Shalini Dixit, Naisha, Hashika Ramachandra) 8:54.85s.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Vishal and Shrijith prop up KSCA Secretary's XI

Vishal Onat (65) and K.L. Shrijith (83) kept KSCA Secretary's XI in the hunt against Andhra CA on the second day of the KSCA Dr. Capt. K. Thimmappiah memorial tournament in Bengaluru.

The scores: At Bengaluru: KSCA Secretary's XI 181 and 257/7 in 61 overs (Vishal Onat 65, Kishan Bedare 40, K.L. Shrijith 83, Shreyas Gopal 36, Y. Sandeep 3/14) vs. Andhra CA 188 in 51 overs (Vamsi Krishna 81, K.V. Sasikanth 31, Shikhar Shetty 5/39).

MPCA 187 and 4 for no loss in 1 over vs. KSCA XI 201 in 86.2 overs (K.V. Aneesh 42, R. Smaran 45, Aaditya Nair 34, Aryan Pandey 3/28, Kumar Kartikeya 3/63).

Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh 467 in 135.4 overs (Shashank Singh 136, Sumit Ruikar 86 n.o., Mohit Redkar 4/140, Darshan Mishal 4/107) vs. Goa CA 157/4 in 44 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 45, Abhinav Tejrana 43 n.o., Siddharth 28).

Vidarbha CA 331 in 109.4 overs (Akshay Karnewar 78, Parth Rekhade 47) vs. KSCA President's XI 200/7 in 67 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 31, Sujay Sateri 48 n.o., Abhinav Manohar 62, Nachiket Bhute 4/35).

Tamil Nadu CA 165 and 120/6 in 30 overs (Karthick Manikandan 30 n.o.) vs. Maharashtra CA 553 in 85.4 overs (Sachin Dhas 67, Digvijay Patil 35, Mandar Bhandari 27, Arshin Kulkarni 48, Taranjeet Dhillon 28, V. Yudheeswaran 3/81, P. Vidyuth 3/95); Mumbai CA 476 in 137.5 overs (Ayush Mhatre 173, Hardik Tamore 42, Shashank Attarde 63, Aditya Dhumal 39, Kushan Patel 5/102) vs. Gujarat CA 110/6 in 40.0 overs (Ahaan Podar 55, Shashank Attarde 4/37).

At Mysuru: Odisha CA 386/8 in 119.4 overs (Shantanu Mishra 43, Govinda Poddar 180 n.o., Biplab Samantray 66, Rajesh Mohanty 52, Babasafi Pathan 5/81) vs. Baroda CA.

Dr. DY Patil CA 416/9 in 98 overs (Pranav Kela 139, Harshal Jadhav 39, Abdul Samad 118, Karshkothari 49 n.o., Prince Badiani 29, Shubhang Hegde 5/117) vs. KSCA Colts.

Two-tier system for Tests is an old idea whose time has come

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

For a long time now, the International Cricket Council has been contemplating a two-tier system for Test cricket. In 2004, David Richardson, then General Manager, hoped it would be in place in 2019 after being endorsed by the board at its 2016 meeting. That's roughly the pace at which cricket administrators move.

Objections were raised at the 2016 meeting, mainly by India and the countries who felt that after working hard to get into the elite group, they didn't want to be in the second division. What if the leading teams (read: India, Australia, England) had to be relegated? Colin Graves, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board then, was quoted as saying, "We are all for it. If we end up in division two, it is our own fault."

The Board of Control for Cricket in India was against the plan because, in the words of Anurag Thakur, then president, "We will not allow any step which can shrink the popularity and development of the game. The BCCI will continue to have an inclusive approach and ensure that everyone's interest and the growth of cricket isn't compromised." The BCCI, as always, was doing exactly what it wanted and finding apparently ethical justifications later.

The World Test Championship was worked out then since everybody felt that something needed to be done to give the format "context".

In 2014, India, Australia and England worked out a two-tier system where none of the Big Three would ever be relegated. When Shashank Manohar took over as the ICC Chairman, he railed against this "bullying" (as he called it), and restarted the discussion, suggesting a central pot which would ensure that financially strapped countries would be looked after.

Writing in the *Daily Telegraph* recently, former England captain Michael Vaughan re-ignited the two-tier plan, saying, "Right now, there are too many mismatched games between teams that have wildly different resources, pathways and preparation. The best Test match this summer was Ireland against Zimbabwe because they were two well-matched teams and it was competitive."

Rather than have a promotion-relegation system, cricket could borrow from American sport and have two divisions (or conferences if that word is more palatable). The six teams in one would be the alternately-ranked ones. Going by the rankings today, one group would comprise: Australia, England, New Zealand, West Indies, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe. The other would be India, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Ireland and Afghanistan. The teams can be shuffled after the first two-year cycle.

This pragmatic plan will achieve two ends: it will see more tours among countries beyond the top six, and it will rationalise the calendar. Domestic T20 franchises have to be accepted as a fact of life; this will ensure players don't have to choose between club and country, a choice that has diminished West Indies cricket and South Africa's too, although in the latter case, the administrators themselves made the choice (T20) for the players.

A third gain from this system is that Test series may be arranged outside the World Test Championship cycle. The Ashes, if necessary, can be a standalone series. An India-Pakistan series too, since it is difficult to predict when one might be possible in the regular cycle.

What Manohar foresaw a decade back – the central pot – will become a reality soon, with about $10 million in the special fund to help nine of the 12 Test-playing countries (The Big Three are excluded). The rationalisation of the television money distribution as desired by other countries (India get about forty percent of it) is unlikely to happen. But one of the main hurdles to the preservation of Test cricket might be crossed thanks to the special fund.

The time has come for Test cricket to be played in two groups. It wasn't necessary for the first 100 years at the end of which only six teams played.

The World Test Championship which was introduced with some scepticism seems to be established now. Some tinkering may be needed, but the essence is in place. It was first suggested in the mid-90s and took two decades to realise. If that is the rough gestation period for an idea in the ICC, then perhaps it is ready for the two-tier Test system.